MOSCOW (R) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev Friday held talks on bilateral relations and the Middle East, Egyptian sources said. The sources said Abdul Meguid passed to Gorbachev a message from Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak during the 45-minute meeting. Later, the Egyptian minister began talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, the sources said. His visit is the first by an Egyptian foreign minister to Moseow since the 1970s, when Cairo turned towards the United States. But the past three years have seen a steady improvement in relations between the two countries. "We attach major importance to Soviet-Egyptian relations and note that these are developing positively." Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Petrovsky said Thursday. Speaking at a regular news briefing. Petrovsky said the visit was important for developing dialogue on the Middle East and solving the problems of the region. Analysis said the Fryntian minister's visit was aimed an housing region. Analysis said the Egyptian minister's visit was aimed at boosting the Middle East peace process ahead of the Moscow superpower summit.

Back to work today

after 'Eid; King

AMMAN (J.T.) - All government departments and orga-

nisations return to work Satur-

day after a five-day holiday on

the occasion of Eid Al Fitr

which marked the end of the

On the occasion, His Majesty

The King exchanged 'Eid Al-

Fitr greetings with the leaders

of Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Syria

received cables of congratula-

tions from leaders of Arab and

Holy Month of Ramadan.

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Italian deputies urge EC peace effort

ROME (R) - The lower house of the Italian parliament called on the European Community (EC) Thursday to abandon rhetoric and launch a Middle East peace initiative. After a two-day de-bate, the Chamber of Deputies overwhelmingly approved a resolution stressing the "rights of all people in the region to secure and guaranteed liberty." It said the role of the EC was not only to make "wise pronouncements about projects for peace but also to assume responsibility and precise initiatives." Members called on the Italian government to recognise unequivocally the right of the Palestine Liberation Organisa-tion (PLO) to take part in international talks aimed at ending the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Shultz: Peace chances not promising

BONN (R) - U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz said Friday the prospects for peace in the Middle East were not promising but the willingness of leaders in the region to listen to his proposals gave some hope. "The pros-pects don't look particularly promising." Shultz said from Washington in a satellite television news conference. "Nevertheless, we do have an approach that has at least attracted everybody's attention and nobody wants to say 'no' to it." Shultz said: "Even if the probabilities of tax a breakthrough are small we think it's important to keep work-

Herzog cuts sentences of Jewish terrorists

TEL AVIV (R) - Three Jewish terrorists convicted of murdering Palestinians in the occupied West Bank had their jail sentences cut to 15 years by Israeli President Chaim Herzog, Israel Radio reported Friday. West Bank settlers Uzi Sharbaf, Shaul Nir and Menachem Livni were sentenced to life in jail for a 1984 attack on the Hebron Islamic College, where four Palestinians died and more than 30 were wounded. A year ago, Herzog commuted their life sentences to 24 years; making them eligible for a further reduction for good behaviour. The radio said this time Herzog was Sinal commuting the sentences of 80 prisoners, including 26 serving

Carbomb suspect ordered held

MICOSIA (R) — A Lebanese : F arrested after a bungled car bomb attempt on the Israeli embassy in Nicosia was remanded in custody m 8 for a further eight days by a Cyprus court Friday. A police prosecutor said evidence suggested Omar Ahmad Hawillo, 28, was linked 110- to the bombing which killed two Cypriots and the Lebanese driver of the car and injured 19 people. But he said police needed more time to question about 70 people. including foreigners, who might also be involved.

State of emergency lifted in Dakar

DAKAR (R) - A state of emergency in force in the Senegalese capital Dakar since street riots erupted Feb. 29 was lifted under a presidential decree issued Friday, President Abdou Diouf had promised earlier in the week to end the emergency which banned open-air political gatherings and gave police wide powers of arrest. An overnight curfew, imposed on the capital since youths went on the rampage following presidential and legislative elections Feb. 28, was lifted last

Senate defeats INF amendments

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate Friday overwhelmingly rejected an attempt by conservative critics of the U.S. Soviet missile treaty to link the pact to alleged Soviet cheating on five other arms-control agreements. In a series of five votes. the Senate killed, piece by piece, the amendment proposed by Republican Senator Steve Symms. Symms' amendment noted that President Ronald Reagan has told Congress the Soviets were violating the SALT I and SALT II treaties.

Over 17,000 Palestinians under detention; Israel rejects U.S. request for joint probe

Israeli army imposes massive presence to foil Jerusalem protests

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — A massive Israeli military presence and strict blockade on access to Muslim worshipers to holy shrines in Jerusalem appeared to have averted Palestinian protests in the Holy City

back Palestinians attempting to pied West Bank in stricter security controls than normal, Arab he finally succeeded in entering

Soldiers at checkpoints turned sources quoted by Reuters said. "I was turned back four times," said a Ramallah resident who works in Jerusalem. He said

Police at Jerusalem's Haram Al Sharif wrote down the names of Palestinians going to prayers in the Al Aqsa Mosque, but there were no demonstrations afterwards as there have been in past

The occupied territories were also quiet. The army put a curfew on the Sha'ti refugee camp in Gaza, a military spokesman said.

Troops arrested Thursday

around the slum area last

The Syrians have set up Soviet-

made multiple rocket launchers

at intersections only about 400

metres from Hizbollah positions.

said the Syrian soldiers were

standing ready by their tanks,

setting up new checkpoints and

imposing increased security on

the airport road and other entr-

Sources reported sporadic ex-

changes as the fighting entered its

Syrian-held areas came under

artillery fire on Thursday during battles between Hizbollah and

Amal which killed five people

and wounded 15, raising the

casualty toll to 260 killed and

Iranian President Ali

Khamenei sent a message to Sy-

rian President Hafez Al Assad

The official Syrian news agency

(SANA) said deputy Iranian

Foreign Minister Ali-Mohammad

Besharati passed on the message

during a meeting with Assad. It

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arrived U.S. warships took up

station in the Arabian Sea Friday

and two others sailed into the

Gulf as an Iranian leader de-

clared anew that his country is "at

But there was no sign of hostili-

ties as the U.S. frigates Pharris

and Elmer Montgomery, accom-

panied by the missile frigate John

H. Sides, passed through the

Strait of Hormuz where Iranian

speedboats have attacked two

commercial ships in recent days.

Hashemi Rafsanjani, told a meet-

ing of Revolutionary Guards

Corps officials in Tehran that

Washington had "officially en-

tered into a war with us.'

Iran's parliament speaker.

war" with the United States.

ances to the suburbs.

third week.

1,100 wounded.

Witnesses quoted by Reuter

Saturday.

(Continued on page 3)

Syrians ready to enter south Beirut after Damascus-Tehran agreement

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Syrian troops and tanks were on standby Friday while Iran and Syria discussed how to deploy them in Beirut's southern suburbs to end bitter fighting between rival

Shi'ite militias. The Iranian-Syrian negotiations have moved to discussing the details of the deployment and setting the zero hour for the entry," a pro-Syrian political source told Reuters.

Syria and Iran, although allies,

of bloody battles for control of the suburbs between their local followers, the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party of God) and the pro-Syrian Amal militia.

Sources close to both sides said the dispute centred on whether the Syrians would disarm the Hizbollah militants, who have won control of 80 per cent of the

The differences emerged after Syria sent about 7,000 troops, backed by 75 tanks and 40 troop are split on how to end two weeks carriers, to throw a tight cordon

Palestinians clash at Bourj Al Barajneh

erupted between fighters loyal to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat and Syrian-backed Palestinians at a Beirut refugee camp Friday after a week-long full in their bitter feud, Palestinian sources said.

Rival fighters were trading heavy mortar and rocket fire in the narrow alleyways of Bourj Al Baraineh camp, they said. The thump of explosions echoed across Beirut.

There were no immediate rasualty reports and it was not known what triggered the fighting in the battered camp between Arafat loyalists and the Syrianbacked Abu Musa faction.

The shooting shattered a May 14 ceasefire between the rival groups in Bourj Al Barajneh, which is near Beirut's southern suburbs, now ringed by Syrian troops preparing to move in to end inter-Shi'ite battles.

Fateh loyalists seized six posi-

fierce street battles last week in which at least 26 Palestinians were wounded.

Syrian troops on the airport highway, which runs alongside both Bourj Al Barajneh and the southern suburbs, ran to their sandbagged positions and ordered passing cars away, wit-

The Palestinian conflict coincided with battles between militiamen of the pro-Syrian Shi'ite Amal and the Iranian-backed Hizbollah (Party of God) for control of the suburbs.

An estimated 7.000 Syrian troops, backed by armoured cars and tanks, took up positions around the suburbs last weekend and are awaiting orders to move in to quell the militia violence.

Security sources say the Syrian move into the suburbs will enable Damascus to control access to refugee camps in southern Beirut, which were badly damaged during a siege imposed by tions held by Abu Musa fighters Amal in 1985.

Kuwaiti saboteurs described as pious Muslims but misled

KUWAIT (Agencies) - Two Kuwaiti men killed in the explosion of their bomb-laden car in Kuwait were pious Muslims who were duped by criminals, the newspaper Al Qabas said Friday.

The daily said combating terrorism should not only mean arresting perpetrators but also "immunising citizens against falling easy prey to protagonists of crime and deepening sentiments of patriotism with the youth."

The paper warned more terrorism should be expected.

The blast Wednesday in down-

town Kuwait was the third in less than a month and the latest in a spate that started with the December 1988 car-bombing of the U.S. and French embassies and included an attempt in 1985 on the life of the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah.

"We have to shoulder our historic responsibility... because confining our attitude to condemoation of crimes and counting casualties will be without avail if

The two young Kuwaitis, who have been identified as Nasser Mohammad Al Hassan Ahmad. 22, and Walid Abdul Nabi Mohammad Musa Al Musa, 23, were killed when the Mazda-929 they were travelling in exploded close to the Kuwait Airways head

Al Qabas quoted a sister of Ahmad as saying that her family was "surprised" to learn about the incident. She described her brother as "a fervent Muslim who strictly performs his religious obligations and leads a normal life. We did not discern anything abnormal in his day-to-day be-

Al Qabas said Musa was studying at Kuwait University, majoring in geography, and recently married, with no children.

The paper quoted his brother, Adnan, as saying that he did not know about the incident until the following afternoon while reading

we want our country to live in Adnan also described his peace and security," Al Qabas brother as "a very committed Adnan also described his ._Muslim.

arrives in Amman AMMAN (J.T.) - A United

Nations human rights team ar-rived in Amman Friday on the first stage of a three-leg Middle East tour to take testimony on Israeli practices in the occupied territories, the Jordan News Agency, Petra said.

The three-member committee will stay in Amman until May 24 before going on to Damascus and Cairo to gather further evidence, a U.N spokesman said in Geneva.

The panel is the United Nation's main source of information on the human rights situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza and reports each year to the U.N. General

Israel has refused to cooperate with the committee or grant it access to the occupied territories, according to a U.N. statement.

The committee, which held a two-day meeting in Geneva before leaving on its fact-finding mission, is chaired by Daya Perera, Sri Lanka's ambassa dor to the United Nations in New York.

"The issues discussed included Israeli policy regarding the treatment of Palestinian demonstrators, judicia practices as they applied to the uprising public health, working conditions, press freedom and economic policy," the U.N. said

The two other members of the committee are Dragan Jovanic, a Yugoslav professor of law, and Alioune Sene Senegalese ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva.

The hope to interview Palestinians expelled by Israel in recent months from the occupied territories — an act forbidden by the 1949 Geneva

Jordan, Egypt, the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and the Arab League have given information to the committee.

The U.N. team was received upon its arrival here by representatives of the Foreign Ministry, the Ministry of Occupied Territories and the deputy head of the U.N. office in

The Revolutionary Guards, de-

votees of Iranian leader Ayatol-

lah Ruhollah Khomeini, man the

armed speedboats that attack

neutral ships in retaliation for

Iraqi air raids on Iranian tankers

Although U.S. warships now

have official clearance to help any

neutral ship being attacked, none

was closer than 100 kilometres to

where the speedboats hit a

Japanese-owned tanker Wednes-

day and a Norwegian ship Thurs-

gomery are part of an eight-ship

battle group, headed by the air-

craft carrier Forrestal, that ar-

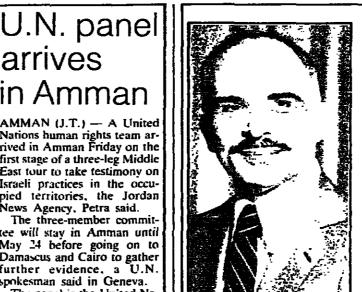
The Pharris and Elmer Mont-

and oil facilities in the Gulf.

Iran says it is at war with U.S.

present time.

BAHRAIN (AP) - Six newly war with the United States at the



HM King Hussein

Morocco to attend Arab summit

RABAT (R) - Morocco will attend a special Arab summit due to open in Algiers June 7, an official source said Friday.

The decision follows agreement by Algeria and Morocco last Monday to restore diplomatic relations after a 12-year rift.

The source said it was not yet known whether King Hassan himself would head the Moroccan delegation to the summit which will concentrate on rallying Arab support for the Palestinian upris-

The Moroccan monarch met

Algerian President Chadli Benjedid twice on their frontier, in February 1983 and in May last year, before relations were finally restored, but it would be the king's first visit to Algeria since Rabat severed ties in 1976.

The source said the appointment of ambassadors was imminent and was likely to be followed shortly by hilateral talks to settle questions like the reopening of the frontier.

Road and rail traffic between Algeria and Morocco has been suspended since the two countries fell out over the Western Sahara, where Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas have been fighting Morocco for control of the former Spanish colony.

U.N. report highlights Sahara deadlock, page 5

Political analysts said that, de-

spite the hard rhetoric, Rafsan-

jani appeared to be repeating

Tehran's line that Iran and the

United States were in direct con-

frontation in the Gulf, if not in a

Fao Peninsula and U.S. and Ira-

nian warships clashed last month,

Iranian officials accused the Un-

ited States of entering the Gulf

war "in direct, blatant and prac-

tical support of the Iraqi regime."

The analysts noted that it was

usual for Iranian leaders to assail

Washington after setbacks in the

IRNA quoted the Iranian leader as saying Friday that Iran was

After Iraq retook the strategic

tions in the Gulf.

legal state of war.

Gulf conflict.

their men.

over the phone in the course of Aziz, Petra said. Al Akhbar welcomes Jordan's call for pan-Arab force

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty would mean taking the "first King Hussein's call for the formation of a pan-Arab rapid deployment force to defend Arab countries has been welcomed by the Cairo daily Al Akhbar, which described the proposal as a courageous invitation to the Arabs that should be seriously

The paper said Friday that the formation of the Arab force in the Gulf region.

practical and concrete step for the implementation of the Joint Arab Defence Pact as included in the Arab League Charter. The paper said the King's call should be implemented as soon as possible, specially in view of the dangers and the challenges to which the Arab World is exposed and in view of Iran's continued threats

this week, the Jordan News

Agency, Petra, reported, The

King also exchanged views with

the Arab leaders on the current

The King Friday received

The cables were received

from Mauritanian President

Maaouya Ould Sidi Ahmad

Taya and Saudi Interior Minis-

ter Prince Navel Ihn Abdul

more cables of congratulations

and wishes for continued good

Arab situation, Petra said.

health and happiness.

French parties haggle to avert Socialist victory

PARIS (R) - French conservatives met with centrists Friday for last minute bargaining to seal an uneasy alliance which they hope can prevent a leftist victory in next month's general election.

The snap election, called last Saturday, has given the parties little time to smooth over internal differences and complete the list of candidates they will present 10 voters in each of France's 577 constituencies during the first round of voting June 5.

In France's complex two-round system, deals have to be made in advance to avoid rivals splitting the ticket and handing the election to the opposition. Candidate lists are due to close in 24 hours.

Several opinion polls published this week indicate the new Socialist government of Prime Minister Michel Rocard would win more than 40 per cent of the national vote in the first round, the best score in the Socialists' 17-year

Socialist President Francois Mitterrand called the election after winning a historic second term May 8, hoping his personal popularity would carry the Socialists to back to power after two years in opposition.

Jacques Toubon, general secretary of the Gaullist RPR (Rally for the Republic), said the newly-formed centre-right URC alliance had agreed to put up

single candidates in over 500 constituencies.

But power-sharing agreements had failed to materialise in some 70 constituencies, where the Socialist candidate would be able to exploit a divided opposition, political sources said.

Any candidate winning more than 12.5 per cent of the vote in the first round qualifies for the second round, but alliances are generally formed so that a straight left-right contest is fought in the final ballot, which will be held June 12.

The Socialist Party appeared to be having little success in its efforts to seduce centrists by offering to leave the field open in some constituencies. Some Socialist incumbents were also balking at pressure from the leadership to stand down in favour of

The right's main problem is the populist National Front, thrown into national prominence by the success of its leader Jean-Marie le Pen, and now threatening to split the right-wing vote again and keep the URC from power.

The RPR, fearing a backlash from its centrist partners in the URC alliance, has refused the National Front's calls for a common right-wing campaign plan on the national scale.

U.S. sees no surprises at Moscow summit

senior American official said Friday be expected progress and no surprises on most problems at issue between the United States and the Soviet Union at the coming Moscow summit.

The official said that although signing of a strategic arms reduction (START) treaty during the four-day meeting was now effectively excluded, the summit would consolidate "a framework of dialogue," between the super-

The summit begins May 29 when Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev welcomes U.S. President Ronald Reagan at Moscow's VIP Vnukovo-2 airport just under six months after they met in Washington to sign an intermediate-range nuclear forces (INF) treaty.

The U.S. official, who declined to be identified, told Reuters the key topics for discussion at the meeting would be arms control, human rights and regional issues. "I have no doubt we will push

ahead in most areas, if not all," The official, who has been

closely involved in past summits

MOSCOW (Agencies) - A between Gorbachev and Reagan, said the two powers "want to move rapidly but not precipitously... we do not feel we are negotiating under a deadline." A string of recent meetings

between Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze and U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz, as well as other diplomatic contacts, "have given us a good idea of what is possible." he added.

"The general content of our expectations is very much similar. There is going to be no unexpected disappointment on either side, and there are no unrealistic expectations about how far we

No Mideast progress

Michael Armacost, the State Department's top expert on regional conflicts, said Thursday in Washington news conference he thought the summit was unlikely to secure Soviet agreement to a U.S. demand that the U.N. Security Council pass a manda-

tory arms embargo against Iran. Armacost said Soviet officials had agreed at the last summit in Washington in December to

"Iran's official Islamic Repubrived in the Arabian Sea this no longer just at war with Iraq, week to provide air support for lic News Agency (IRNA) quoted (Continued on page 3) him as saying Iran was "really at U.S. convoy and patrol opera-Mujahedeen threaten 2 key Afghan cities

day, U.S. officials said.

ISLAMABAD (R) - The sources, said Kandahar in the Afghan Mujahedeen fighters are positioning themselves for the kill against Jalalabad and Kandahar, the two cities which could hold the key to the capital Kabul and victory over the Soviet-backed government there.

Latest reports reaching Pakisforces had blockaded Jalalabad, which controls the eastern corridor into Kabul from Pakistan, and government and some remaining Soviet troops were official told Reuters. locked in.

A spokesman for the seventown of Peshawar, said all roads from the city were blocked by the Muiahedeen.

An unconfirmed report by expected.

Pakistan news agency PPI, quoting unknown Mujahedeen troops left Jalalabad May 15.

south of the country was already under complete guerrilla control. One of the senior Pakistan

government officials responsible for Afghan affairs said he had not heard of this. Western diplomatic sources and guerrillas from the main groups in Peshawar were tan Friday said Mujahedeen also unable to confirm the report.

"I'm not saying it's not possible, but we will probably have to wait a couple of days to really confirm it, or not," the Pakistani The diplomats said if the cities

fell so soon after Soviet troops party Islamic alliance, headquar- started to withdraw from the tered in the Pakistani border country May 15 under an international accord, the government of President Najibullah in Kabul might have a shorter lifespan than

A large number of Soviet

Western military experts said the Soviet high command is most unlikely to abandon its troops to their fate, adding that the overwhelming Soviet firepower available should allow them to reopen any road long enough to extricate

In Kabul and Islamabad, a U.N. team sent to monitor the Soviet withdrawal and the return of more than five million Afghan refugees under the pact is facing the first complaints that both sides are not honouring their promises.

Kabul said Pakistan continues to supply the guerrillas with weapons in violation of the U.N.mediated accord.

In Moscow a Soviet official confirmed Thursday that 12,000 to 15.000 Soviet soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan

Israeli crackdown on Palestinian universities in occupied territories

This is the second part of a six part series in which the exercise of academic freedoms in Palestinian universities of the occupied Arab territories are discussed. This study was presented to the UNESCO at its hundred and twenty-seventh session by Father Edouard Bone.

Academic freedom

The main question dealt with by the Rapporteur concerns the exercise of academic freedom(s) in the universities of the West Bank and Gaza. The principle of academic freedom is neither codified in international law nor defined in the major reference documents on human rights. However, the various freedoms proclaimed by universally recognised codes and declarations include concrete examples of academic freedom, with explicit reference to:

Access to education, the right to education, freedom of speech and assembly, freedom of culturai expression, non-discrimination, the right to privacy, freedom of movement, protection against arbitrary detention and all forms of inhuman or degrading treatment, etc.

As a working hypothesis, the definition given by Roberts. Joergensen and Newman is adopted here. Academic freedom is usually understood as being exercised in those educational. research and administrative functions which a higher educational establishment may discharge without let or hindrance or pressure of any kind, in particular the freedom to teach, to learn, to organise curricula, to acquire books and periodicals, to recruit staff, to leave or enter the campus and to improve or develop facili-

it may be assumed in advance that this freedom may occasionally be jeopardised by a power outside the university, such as the state itself, and a fortiori, by a foreign administration or a state of belligerency. This, indeed, has been the experience, or at least the alleged experience, of the Palestinian universities for many years now, in the circumstances created by the military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. What, in fact, is the situation?

As regards the Palestinian universities in the territories occupied by Israel, the question of academic freedom does not appear to affect - explicitly at least - the right of these universities to exist. The government of Israel has at least allowed them to develop from pre-existing institutions, or to be created outright. It even occasionally - and, it is argued, improperly - claims their paternity. On November 20. 1983 the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs explicitly stated that academic activity proceeded without any interference whatsoever from the Israeli administration. More recently (July 1986), the Ministry of Defence published an eighteen-vear survey written by the coordinator of government operations in the territories stating that since 1967 Israel's continuing policy as regards academic freedom had been to maintain and promote total freedom in all the educational institutions in the regions concerned. Intense efforts had been made to give teachers and students the maximum amount of independence in the pursuit of legitimate academic aims. There was no intervention by the Israeli administration in this domain. It was only when security was jeopardised, inside or outside the campus, that the authorities then assumed the responsibilities devolving on them under international law, for the purpose of restoring public order, first and foremost for the safety and wel-

fare of the local population. The same official Ministry of Defence document specifies the Israeli government's explicit views on freedom of assembly and freedom of the press - Military Order No. 101 provides that a special permit is required for any marches, meetings, the manufacture of flags and emblems and publications of political literature: authorisation may be refused if it is clear that the assembly or demonstration will lead to a movement or propaganda liable to pose a threat to public order. Press censorship is applied only to passages manifestly inciting to

hatred and disorder.

Thus strictly speaking the universities do have the right to exist: This right is formally recognised in the quota of the licences granted to each of them, renewable annually, which specify in each case the departments or specialisations authorised and the number of student places available. It is, rather, the functioning of the institutions which at issue, and it is here that some people consider that academic freedom is at risk. One side advances the requirements of security to justify certain restrictive measures. checks, censorship, closures, raids and searches, arrests and detention: while on the other side the requirements of training and education, research, and the promotion of culture and national identity cause a revolt against measures which are deemed unjustified, illegal and arbitrary, if not provocative or systematically malicious. The crux of the matter lies, therefore, in the way people behave and act, and in the practical provisions in force: to this should be added the question of interpretation, for there can be different ways of reacting to a situation or justifying a particular measure, and the subjective or contingent nature or a decision

should not be underestimated. very many points of friction and several particularly prejudicial that recurrent serious and sometimes dramatic clashes have been recorded, which impede the smooth functioning of the universities and amply raise the question of the basic exercise of academic freedom.

Following is a non-exhaustive list of such points of friction

might include:

As regards the right to education: "Official" closures: checkpoints and road blocks or " de facto" closures; denial of university education to detainees: house arrest.

As regards freedom of expression: Censorship of books and periodicals; restrictions on the introduction of new courses.

As regards freedom of research: Restriction on the field of investigation, field research and application; restrictions on travel and study trips.

As regards freedom of assembly: Provocations, checks, searches and raids; physical violence by members of the army and

As regards the right to cultural identity: Falsification of textbooks, syllabuses, etc.; obstacles to cultural expression.

As regards non-discrimination: The question of taxes and customs duties on educational, scientific and cultural material; refusal of building permits; refusal of work permits.

As regards the right to privacy: Forcible entry: Non-protection against arbit-

rary detention and degrading or inhuman treatment. As regards freedom of move-

ment: House arrest. Right to education - freedom

of expression and research Official closure of universities

Numerous official closures of universities have been decided on by the Israeli authorities in recent years. Various responsible publications by the competent uni-

versity authorities have kept a

precise record of these closures. setting out a list of them and providing information on the exact circumstances. A recent document gives the following data for the period 1979-1986:

Universities

Al Najah

Bethlehem

Hebron Polytechnic

Birzeit

Hebron

1987 for one week; on January 11 for another week; on January 20 for four days; on February 6, preventively" for one day; on February 10 for one month; and on March 27 for two weeks. Hebron University was closed twice for a total of four weeks. Hebron Polytechnic was closed on March 17, 1987, without any violent incidents being reported. There were closures at Gaza. Abu-Dis and El Bireh. disrupting the academic year, in some cases seriously.

Admittedly the responsible military authorities expressed to us their reluctance to take such radical measures, and explained that they were obliged to be covered each time by their superiors in the occupying administration. They said that they regretted this force of circumstances, and also that they were compelted to give precedence to physical security and the protection of human lives over the regular functioning of each institution.

It is extremely difficult for an outsider to appraise the relevance of the "security" argument put forward to justify a particular past circumstance. A very large number of depositions, detailed accounts and officially-noted evidence by eye-witnesses of the events, giving virtually blow-byblow accounts of incidents, as well as documentary films, suggest that often - all too often clumsy, if not systematic provocation is the cause of many incidents: and also that closure orders very often exceed reasonable "security" requirements.

Leading Israeli personalities whose reputation is beyond all doubt confirmed to me this impression of clumsy "provocation"

Numi	ber of closures	Number of days lost	
	13	550	i
	9	527	
	8	180	
	8	311	
	6	81 j	
c	3	138	

On June 17, 1985 Israeli authorities pledged to reduce collective punitive measures against universities to an absolute minimum, usually invoked in the interest of "security." Unfortunately in the last few months there has been a fresh wave of official closures affecting all the Palestinian universities, and in this respect this year (1987) will have been the most troubled one in their history. During our visit in The fact remains that there are July 1987, we heard reports of and serious cases of closure dur-1986-1987 alone. Birzeit was month from December 8, 1986 to January 3, 1987, on its former campus; from February 18 to 21. 1987; from March 27 to 30, 1987 and, the longest closure, from April 13 to August 13, 1987 i.e. a total of some 150 days. Bethlehem was closed on three occasions for a total period of some three weeks. Al Najah was closed six times: On December 8, 1986 for one week; on January 2,

on the part of the occupying power. They told me how much better it would be for the army to keep out of sight and to maintain a discreet low-profile policy in the matter of surveillance and noninterference. The presence of the military usually acts as a detonator in the event of an otherwise perfectly peaceful demonstration or celebration. I had occasion to attend two of these student -celebrations, at Hebron and Al Nujah. One was the celebration by providing extracurricular tuiof a day of Palestinian literature. tion (during holiday periods, or and in the other, various groups ing the current academic year. In (Islamic, nationalist...) had night, at times when moving abgathered to prepare for elections closed four times; for a whole to the students' council. I saw for ble clashes with settlers or armed myself how, in the absence of any obvious or provocative military presence, the students' gatherings proceeded entirely peacefully, lars per month of closure. With with the university authorities determination and courage, unikeeping a discreet but attentive versity authorities and students watch over events.

> Furthermore, whatever the and protect academic life at all possible justification or provoca- costs, but not without having to tive character of any particular suffer the extremely hard conintervention by the Israeli forces. sequences of doing so. Al Najah

one cannot fail to speculate on University, for example, will not whether specific measures to close a university are in proportion to the security objective. The recent closure of Birzeit University (on April 13, 1987) is perhaps a particularly telling example. The events have been fully documented in a substantiated report published a few days after the grievous confrontations which for the second time this academic year took their toll in human ceremony on July 18, 1987. lives. We do not presume to contest the justification for closing the university in order to allow the situation to calm down immediately after the violent incidents of April 13. But one may

question the significance of an justification for closing the university for a long period of four months, right up to the middle of the summer holidays. In what way does such a prolonged closure contribute to security and a return to calm? Paralysing the university's entire administrative apparatus, throwing academic staff into unemployment by prohibiting entry into the university campus and access to libraries. laboratories and seminars, halting peaceful research activities at a time when there would in any case be very few students on the campus and no teaching activities it may well be asked whether all this has anything to do with concerns for security. Once the April events were over, closing the university looked like a collective sanction rather than a measure to restore calm; far from enabling those concerned to consuccessive days): centrate once more, undisturbed, October 15, at Birzeit on their academic pursuits, it October 18, at Birzeit necessarily exacerbated the feel-October 30, at Birzeit ing of deep frustration, and nur-November 1. at Al Najah tured resentment that is liable to November 3, at Abu Dis and lead to fresh confrontations: at

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complete its academic year until the end of September 1987. It is obvious, in the circumstances, that summer courses have to be cancelled or considerably reduced, all available time being set aside mainly to make up for the weeks or months of closure during the regular academic year. I myself observed this factual situation in several places, for instance at Bethlehem, at the graduation

Checkpoints and road-blocks

University rectors and presidents consider that the right to education and academic freedom are also threatened by the many road-blocks put up at the entrances to campuses. They suggested in conversation with me that this is part of a subtle svstematic policy of obstructing academic life. Birzeit University alone suffered the obstruction of road-blocks on 35 occasions during the 1985-1986 year. I have before me a very specific docu-ment giving a list of these road-blocks from October 15, 1986 to April 15, 1987 at two establishments. It reports checkpoints set up at the entrances to the university, which in practice debarred students from entering (either because they were formally prohibited from doing so, or because they were afraid of having their identity papers confiscated, or because they gave up after being turned away on two or three

November 10, at Al Najah

November 15. at Birzeit November 18, at Birzeit November 29, at Birzeit November 30, at Birzeit December 1, at Birzeit December 4, at Birzeit January 12, at Birzeit January 27, at Al Najah February 12, at Birzeit April 13, at Birzeit The road-blocks are regularly

the scene of more or less heated disputes or provocations, which not infrequently degenerate into what can be serious. For instance on December 4, 1986, during an incident which escalated at a checkpoint at the entrance to Birzeit University, two students were killed and another 11 wounded.

Bearing in mind the large number of weeks or months for which some universities were officially closed during this period, this list of de facto closures, while no doubt not exhaustive, speaks for itself. It shows that Bethlehem, for instance, was "inoperative" for 70 days.

Military order No. 854 and work permits

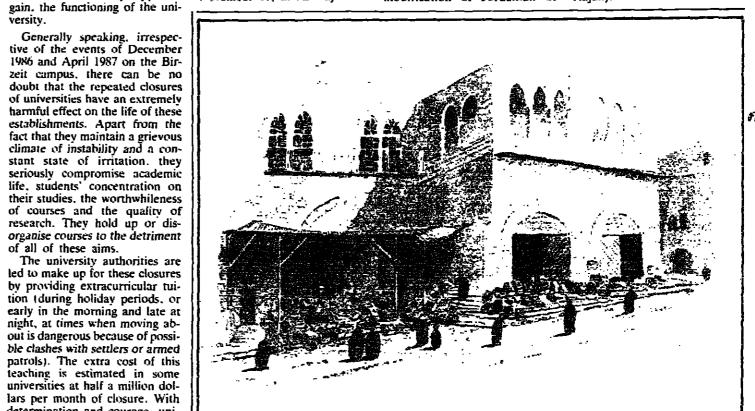
Promulgated in July 1980 by the Israeli military administration, order No. 854 was aimed at imposing tighter control over universities by means of a series of measures concerning teachers, students and the institutions themselves. This order has been examined in detail several times in various documents and reports submitted to UNESCO. It has heen criticised for opening the door to violations of academic freedom and to manoeuvres for political and military ends.

It has sometimes been seen as constituting an unwarranted modification of Jordanian or

Egyptian legislation, contrary to the Geneva Convention IV relating to the responsibilities of an occupying power. On this particular point, it should perhaps be made clear that there is not strictly applicable Jordanian or Egyptian law concerning the functioning of universities in occupied territories. There are no private universities in these countries, and the various laws and regulations on universities are all specific to the particular university for which they were passed.

That being said, it should be 9 noted that authorised Israeli sources have acknowledged that order No. 854 is "stupid and regrettable." This admission made to the Rapporteur tallies. moreover, with the local and international protest raised when the order was first promulgated (notably by a group of professors from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem) which led to the suspension of the order on October 10, 1982, so that in fact it has never been applied.

Along the same lines, work permits were made compulsory for visiting professors and lectur-ers in the West Bank ("visitors" include even Jordanian nationals. resident on the West Bank but physically absent from the territories during the 1967 events). At the time, the granting of such a permit was contingent on an 'undertaking of loyalty'' whereby the applicants undertook to refrain from giving any assistance to the PLO or "any other terrorist organisation." This requirement, considered to be unjustly political, raised a storm of protest and gave rise to a number of deportations or refusals to renew work permits (for instance those of some 28 university teachers at Al



KAPLANIAN'S EXHIBITION: On May 22, 1988, the Goethe Institute will hold an art exhibition by George S. Kaplanian, which will be officially opened by Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath Al Hassan. There will be 45 watercolours

and China ink and charcoal paintings, depicting various sceneries of Jordan and Syria, sceneries that the artist has sketched and noted down their details throughout his trips. particularly those he undertakes with the Friends of Archaeology.

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TODAY'S EVENTS

WHAT'S GOING ON

EXHIBITIONS

Permanent book exhibition, at

Tower Building, Jabai Amman, 3rd Circle.

☆ Art exhibition by George Kaplanian at the Goethe Institute

VIDEO

"Tele-actualites du mois" at 5:00 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre.

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Maseum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre, Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 0:00 pm. Cloxed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jeweiry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mesaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9,00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round, Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has Jordan Archaeological Indexam: ras-an excellent collection of the anti-quities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays [0.00] a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays. Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramies, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim coun-

tries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muntazah, Jabal Luweibdeh, Opening hours: 10 (0) a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00 p.m. 6.00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays, Tel.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Amman Lions Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Lions Philadelphia Clob, Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Chib. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p m.
Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel. 2:00

p.m Royal Automobile Club. Jahal Amman. Eighth Circle, Tel 816534, 817534

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St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Astrafich, Tel. 771751 Amman International Church (Interdenominational); meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Amman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 pm. Rev. N.

Smir 811295). Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenial E glish Service: Saturday 6:31 p.m. Tel 822605, Rev Veh. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 8213n4

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Sub-committees plan expatriates conference

Labour and Social Development Rashid Ureikat has formed sub committees to prepare for the July 11-14 Jordanian Expatriates Conference.

The minister himself is the

AMMAN (L.T.) — Minister of ing for the conference, the fourth of its kind, to be held in the Kingdom this summer.

The 11 sub-committees will pave the way for the conference and take charge of financial transchairman of a committee prepar- fers and organisational affairs.

Amman to host Arab chemists conference

between June 13 and 17 accord-

Jordanian Chemists Association. preparatory committee has in- university levels.

AMMAN (J.T.) — The eighth vited all Jordanian and Arab Arab Chemists Federation Conchemists to take part in the conchemists to take part in the conference will be held in Amman ference which will review research papers dealing with the ing to an announcement by the role of chemistry in promoting Arab development projects and The announcement said that a teaching chemistry at school and

Regional symposium on population opens today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A regional symposium on population and the development of human resources will be opened here Saturday at the University of Jordan by the University President Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, according to a report in the local Arabic news-

papers.
The three-day symposium has been organised by the university in cooperation with Ministry of Labour and Social Development and the International Labour

Among the topics to be discussed during the seminar are population and human resources in Jordan, the impact of foreign labourers on Jordan's labour market and unemployment in

Taking part in the seminar are specialists from Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia, the ILO and the Economic and Social Committee for Western Asia (ESCWA).

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

TRANSPORT TALKS: The cabinet has formed Jordan's delegation to the executive bureau meeting of the Arab Transport Ministers Council due to open in Tunis on June 21. Minister of Transport Khaled Al Haj Hassan will lead the delegation to the six-day meeting, according to a report in Al Dustour Arabic daily.

LONDON MAYOR: The Lord Mayor of London will arrive in Amman on May 24 on a visit at the invitation by the Greater Amman Municipality. Al Dustour Arabic daily said that the London mayor will spend several days in Amman attending the opening of the bridges at the Sports City interchange and will hold talks with Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh on promoting cooperation between London and Amman.

136 SUMMER CLUBS: Ministry of Education has completed arrangements for setting up 136 summer clubs throughout the Kingdom during July and August, according to reports in the local Arabic daily newspapers. These clubs will provide entertainment for some 20,000 students during the summer holiday.

UNIFIED CUSTOMS CENTRE: Jordan and Iraq will soon make contacts to facilitate border procedures between the two countries and to set up a unified customs centre, according to reports in the local Arabic dailies.

16,290 TREES: A total of 16.290 trees and bushes were planted by the Greater Amman Municipality in April in the municipality's various public gardens in the country.

MOTHER, CHILD CARE: The Ministry of Health will hold a national conference on mother and child care during the first week of June in cooperation with the World Bank and the World Health Organisation (WHO), according to a report in the local Arabic papers. The holding of the c between Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and a World Bank delegation. Taking part in the planned conference in addition to Jordan are the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF), and the European Community (EC).

5 killed in different incidents

AMMAN (J.T.) — At least five people were killed and more than 40 others injured incidents and accidents that occurred in the Kingdom during the Eid Al Fitr holiday which started Monday. A report in the Al Ra'i Arabic

daily said that Civil Defence Department (CDD) teams were called out to put out 64 fires and rescue people in road accidents which resulted in the destruction of 16 vehicles.

Fires also caused the destruction of crops and nearly 290 trees in 3,235 dunums of land around

1.973 people were admitted to hospital in the country during the including children injured from

Al Bashir Hospital in Amman treatment, the report noted.

The paper also reported derailthe southern regions of the engulfed the trains.

One of the trains, the report, The report said that at least said was carrying 504 tonnes of phosphate. The derailment was caused by expansion of the iron holiday for treatment from va- rail due to the intensive heat, the rious injuries and food poisoning second derailment resulted in heavy damages to a train and its six compartments.

The third train was derailed had the lion's share of patients near Al Jurf district, also causing arriving at its emergency ward for heavy damage to the locomotive and the wagons.

CDD teams were called out to ments of three trains operating in offer help and put out fires that

Underwater photo contest to open

Contests will open in Aqaba on

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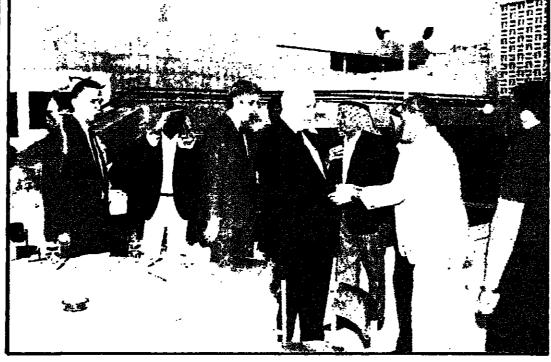
Belgium Diving Federation.

Selected members of the jury for the contest have been invited from Belgium, Portugal, Italy, The Netherlands, Germany and England.

A report in Al Dustour Arabic

AMMAN (J.T.) — The first International Underwater Photo Hotel Club and organised by the Daily said Friday that 60 Jordanian children will take part in the contest along with participants from different countries.

The contest is divided into two categories; according to the organisers: Environment photography (nature) and creative photo-



JEPCO Board Chairman Mohammad Ali Budeir greets veteran workers during the 50th anniversary celebration held in Amman Thursday.

JEPCO marks 50th anniversary

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Electric Power Company (JEP-CO) Thursday celebrated its 50th anniversary.

A ceremony, organised by the General Union of Electricity Workers in Amman to mark the occasion, was attended by minisirrigation along with senior government officials and JEPCO's board Chairman Mohammad Ali

Jordanian Labour Unions Samir on this occasion. Qarden delivered a speech on the occasion, paying tribute to the pioneers in electric power ser-

vices who, he said, constituted one of the first groups to contribute to the construction of the Kingdom.

Qarden also paid tribute to the JEPCO's services in supplying power to the public around the clock, and urged workers for ters of tourism, and water and further efforts to serve their

Budeir also made a speech on the occasion in which he said that the ceremony was to honour all The General Federation of JEPCO workers and employees

> Budeir reviewed the company's development since 1938 and the difficulties it had to overcome.

Towards the end of the ceremony Qarden distributed gifts and awards to JEPCO's veteran

Jordan takes measures against spread of AIDS

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Health Ministry says it is taking all precautionary measures against the spread of the disease AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome) which has so far killed three Jordanians.

AIDS Division Hani Shammout the killer disease. said in an interview published in Al Ra'i Arabic daily Friday that two of the 11 AIDS cases discovered in the Kingdom were of foreign nationals who have now

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left the country. The rest are Jordanians, four of whom had received blood transfusion while living abroad, Shammout said.

Shammout said his department has organised a series of seminars for Health Ministry doctors and technicians at the blood banks in Jordan, to orient them on means of combating the killer disease. He said that Jodan does not import any blood from other countries except in rare cases, and the imported quantities undergo screening to ensure the

patients' safety.
Shammout said AIDS is being contracted mainly through blood transfusions and homosexuality. and that there is yet no vaccination against the disease nor there has been any hope for any AIDS victim to survive.

On May 10, reports in the local press said that one Jordanian carrier of AIDS has been admittd to hospital in Amman after it was found that he had fallen victim to the killer disease.

According to Shammout, the AIDS incubation period could extend between a few months and several years, before the real symptoms of AIDS start to appear on the patient.

The Health Ministry last October announced the discovery of 12 cases of AIDS in Jordan, eight of the carriers, it said, were Jordanians; and in January 1988 the ministry reported the death of one of the victims who had been undergoing medical treatment in Amman.

His death raised to three the total number of AIDS victims to die in Jordan.

The Ministry last month announced that a national committee charged with taking measures against AIDS was taking up steps to stem the spread of the disease by providing information

Director of the Ministry's Anti- to the members of the public on

The committee comprises representatives of the Health Ministry and the Ministries of Education, Interior, Information, Higher Education and Awqaf and Islamic Affairs as well as the Public Security Department the Bar Association, the General Union of Voluntary Societies and the General Union of Federation

of Jordanian Women. Last month, the Arab Health Ministers Council, which convened in Amman, was told that AIDS, which appeared in the Arab World recently, was introduced from outside the region. and there was not a single case originating in any Arab country.

Jordan had contracted the disease through blood transfusion he received while undergoing an operation in a Gulf Arab country. He said another victim was a lordanian student living in the United States since 1980 who was

According to Shammout, one

of the AIDS victims to die in

buried in Jordan, and the third was a Jordanian living abroad before coming to settle in Jordan. Shammout said his department was organising lectures and distributing pamphlets to travellers at Jordanian airports to orient them

on means of avoiding the disease. The interview in Al Ra'i Arabic daily was attached to a poster with a caption reading: "Beware of the Killer disease — AIDS". The Ministry of Health has also been involved in a wide-scale campaign against smoking and is using drawings and captions in the local press to point to the

dangers inherent in smoking.



"Beware of the killer disease - AIDS"

Israeli army imposes massive presence in Jerusalem

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Shaher Sa'ad, head of the General Federation of West Bank Labour Unions, Palestinian sources said. The union represents thousands of Arab workers.

Colonel David Yahav, legal adviser to the army's central command, said the 1,900 Palestinians of the West Bank and occupied Gaza Strip who have been detained for up to six months with-

out trial were "security" risks. "I cannot give you an exact answer in each case, but you can't just put someone under arrest for

no reason," he told Israel Radio.
An Israeli member of parliament said Thursday that demo-cracy in Israel was being eroded by the army orders which allow the arrest of Palestinians without

Dedi Zucker of the Citizens Rights Movement said he wrote to the Israel bar and the law deans of universities protesting against the "administrative detention" orders.

About 30 Palestinian journalists are among those held under 'administrative detention.' In another development, the

Israeli army plans to make the prison system more efficient in an effort to cope with thousands of Palestinians arrested since the start of the uprising, a military source told the AP.

Lawyers for Palestinian prisoners said Thursday that the military justice system has collapsed under the sheer numbers of detainees, noting that many are held incommunicado for weeks or miss court appearances because authorities can't locate them.

"It's a big mess," Israeli lawyer Lea Tsemel told the AP. "The army is completely inefficient." About 8,100 Palestinians are in prison awaiting trial or serving

sentences for specific charges, legislator Zucker said. Similar figures were released by Law in the Service of Man, a human rights monitoring group founded by lawyers in the West

Bank. The organisation said be-

tween 7,000-9,000 Palestinians

about 2,000 administrative de-Since the Dec. 8 start of the uprising, 17,000 Palestinians have been detained, said Jonathan

blocked an attempt by Hizbollah

to swap a foreign hostage for

weapons and ammunition from

attempt by Hizbollah to turn over

a foreign hostage to the Lebanese

Forces (militia) in return for

ammunition and weapons for

Hizbollah's besieged base in Haj-jaj street," said Atif Aoun, a

Aoun, addressing some 10,000

member of Amai's politburo.

supporters of Amal in the south-

ern town of Zahrani, said the

militia foiled the alleged swap

"after we found out about the

contacts between Hizbollah and

the Lebanese Forces." He did not

Aoun did not say whether one

particular hostage or nationality

was involved in the alleged deal.

'Amal has thwarted an

rightist militias.

elaborate.

Kuttab, a lawyer and member of the group. Army officials refused com-

ment.

A leaflet distributed Thursday in Gaza City's Sabra neighbour-hood by the clandestine Unified National Leadership of the Uprising and the Sabra national committee asked residents to boycott

an Israeli drive to replace identity Several thousand cards have been replaced in the last two weeks in an operation Israel says for administrative purposes. But commentators have said the move is intended to increase con-

U.S. request rejected

trol over Palestinians.

Israel has rejected a U.S. request to hold a joint investigation of human rights abuses against Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, a senior Israeli official said Friday.

Yossi Beilin, the foreign minisare being held, in addition to try's political director general, told Israel Radio the request was raised at a meeting with two senior State Department officials in Washington this week to dis-

cuss human rights in the occupied territories.

"I was called to discuss... complaints they have regarding human rights, and they asked me to

"I told them such things are not done," Beilin said. "We wouldn't

The United States has criticised and collective punishments to combat the five-month Palestinian uprising.

mon Peres was in the United States for meetings with American officials and was due to return to Israel Friday. Beilin met Richard Schifter,

assistant secretary of state for human rights, and Richard Murphy, assistant secretary of state for Middle East affairs.

annual report to Congress on human rights issues and American and Israeli officials have warned this year's report on Israel is likely to be unfavour-

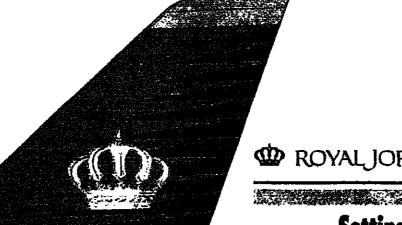
create a joint committee to deal with this specifically," he said from the United States.

set up a committee on this sort of Israel's use of force, expulsions

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Setting new standards.

Syrians ready to enter S. Beirut Meanwhile Ammal said Friday it

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gave no details of what it said. It was the first time SANA had reported a contact between Assad and khamenei since the Amal-Hizbollah fighting erupted two weeks ago.

Besharati has been shuttling between Damasous and Beirut to coordinate efforts to end the

Diplomats said SANA's announcement of the meeting and the letter could mean that details of the Syrian deployment

had been settled. Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah, Hizbollah's spiritual guide, also voiced cautious

approval of a Syrian deployment. The entry of Syrian troops is a possibility. No one is thinking of confronting the Syrians," he said.

Iran says it is at war with U.S.

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but with "global arrogance," a familiar Iranian reference to the United States. He urged that Iranians increase

our military strength... to take more effective and important steps on the war front. Rafsanjani, who is close to Khomeini, again claimed U.S.

forces had participated in last Saturday's devastating Iraqi air strike on the Larak Island oil terminal by jamming Iranian defence radar and radio communications. The Pentagon has denied that. Rafsanjani warned it was time

that Americans "think about the implications of an eventual encounter between Iran and the United States." IRNA quoted him as saying:

Should this war extend to new

frontiers, the Americans will simply take delivery of the bodies of Americans throughout the world. "Our nation, which is not pre-

pared to abandon the arena with these threats and intimidation after eight years, should prepare itself from every point of view so as to confront these plots." He stressed that Iran does not-"desire such a situation," but declared: "The American nation

should know that a war by the

American government with the

Iranian nation would cost them

In Paris, the French Defence Ministry said the mine-hunter Andromede had found and would destroy a mine found in Iran's Rostam oilfield in the south central Gulf, 130 kilometres east of

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Friday's

Al Ra'i: Continued struggle

WITH the American-Soviet summit meeting in Moscow only 10 days away, we hear American officials in Washington casting doubts on the possibility of reaching consensus on the Middle East between the leaders of the two superpowers. This attitude reflects the true intention of the American administration of trying to avoid this issue in the coming summit, and represents a clear signal to Israel that its occupation of Arab land will go on unhindered. This statement and these reports indicate that Washington is determined to remain the sole manipulator of the situation in the Middle East region and does not wish to abandon its monopoly. It is not strange for Washington to act in this way, but the Americans should realise that they cannot remain dominant, and they cannot continue holding the winning cards in the game. It has become clear for all that the people of Palestine, now struggling for freedom, hold the real trump cards; and their escalation of resistance and through their revolution they can achieve their aspired national goals. Washington should be reminded that the Jordanian six-point document handed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz is not subject for compromise at any parley since it contains the basic principles in which the Arab Nation believes and strives to fulfil. The Arabs believe that despite everything and despite the coming superpower summit, the only means for regaining their rights is through continued struggle.

Al Dustour: Bolstering Arab stand

THE favourable response to King Hussein's proposal for the formation of an Arab Rapid Deployment Force to defend Arab countries reflects the Arab people's desire to end all forms of aggression on their land and thwart foreign countries' ambitions in the Arab World. The enthusiastic welcome of the King's ideas underlines the Arab people's desire to start working seriously for their unity and for bolstering their strength in the face of the common enemies. It is no secret that Arab security which has been exposed to several shocks in the past few years can only be preserved through solidarity, unity and collective action. The King who is advocating the idea of the Rapid Deployment Force realises the proportions of challenges and dangers posed against this nation, and is keen on opening the way for joint action to repel this danger. Therefore, we deem it necessary for all coming Arab meetings to take up this proposal and discuss it seriously and in detail, since the aim and the objectives of this idea is to strengthen the Arab stand. There is nothing more important than bolstering the Arab stand at the moment in view of the dangers posed to the nation and with the purpose of preserving Arab security.

Sawt Al Shaab: Shamir blocks peace

ISRAELI Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and his American allies constitute the stumbling block in the path of convening an international peace conference that would find a just and lasting solution for the Middle East problem. Shamir and his allies are adhering to their instransigent position in the face of the whole world and in contradiction of reason, regardless of the fact that the Arab-Israeli conflict remains the root cause of evil and wars in this region. Shamir who is opposing the idea of peace lives in total illusion since he ignores the facts of history. He is still under the influence of rotten ideas of imposing Zionist rule over the Arab land, and at the same time ignore the Palestinian revolution which is escalating every day. Shamir is stepping up repressive measures against the Arabs and pursuing atrocities against the Palestinians in the hope of executing Zionist plans in the Arab land. Even Shamir's American allies have been criticising the Israeli government's actions, describing them as causing the loss of a real opportunity for peace. Yet, and despite everything, Shamir is adamant in his position and assured of continued American help and support no matter what Israel's policies might be.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Reasons for optimism

PRESIDENT Reagan expressed optimism over a settlement for the Arab-Israeli conflict following a meeting in Washington with Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, but he did not reveal the secret behind his optimism. The two men discussed U.S. proposals as advocated by Secretary of State George Shultz with regard to the Middle East problem. But if these proposals were behind this optimism, it should be emphasised that they are still short of meeting Arab demands and, therefore, they are in need of amendments to become more palatable. We also should see a change in the Israeli intransigent position and an acceptance by the Jewish state of the idea of an international conference. Given the present situation we find no reason for any optimism in Washington since nothing has changed in the American and Israeli stands. In contrast, the Arabs have more reason to be optimistic over the situation due to a pan-Arab consensus on the Jordanian six-point document handed over to Shultz during his last trip to the region, due to Arab rejection of any partial settlements and due to Arab countries' determination to reach a comprehensive peace which would allow the Palestinian people to exercise their full rights and regain their lands. In addition, we have reason to be optimistic due to the cohesion that exists among our people, Jordan's total rejection of an alternative Palestinian homeland and the continued uprising in the occupied Arab territories which gives hope for a solution.

Al Dustour: Common cause

KING Hussein ended his tours of Jordanian cities by visiting Tafileh in southern Jordan on Eid Al Fitr where he greeted the Jordanian people in the East and the West Bank and where he described the uprising of Palestinians as a real revolt designed to end 20 years of injustice and oppression. The King voiced his pride in the uprising which has lasted for six months so far, and paid tribute to the great sacrifices offered by the Arab people in their struggle for freedom. As he did, during earlier iftar banquets in other Jordanian cities, King Hussein said Jordan would continue to extend support for the Palestinian people in every domain until justice is done and until the Palestinians regain their full rights. To support the Palestinian uprising, the King said, Jordan will continue efforts to convene an international Middle East peace conference and will reject all plots to establish an alternative homeland for the Palestinians outside their own country. The King reiterated that the Palestinians should represent themselves at future negotiations for a settlement, and that Jordan would persist in efforts to help the Palestinians determine their own future on their own soil.

Palestinian uprising digs in for long haul

By Paul Taylor Reuter

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM -Israeli leaders claim it is dying, but a Palestinian uprising in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip appears to be alive and well. and digging in for a long struggle.

After more than five months of revolt against Israeli rule, stonethrowing Palestinians are still clashing with troops daily, despite at least 183 deaths, thousands of injuries and the jailing of nearly 10,000 people.

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin noted this week that violence was now far less widespread than between January and March, and said Israeli security and economic measures were gradually exhausting the 1.5 million Palestinians in the occupation

But a confidential report to Rabin by his own experts contradicts these assertions and fore-

casts a long and violent conflict, tions. defence sources say.

Leading Palestinians say Israeli talk of an end to the uprising is

mere wishful thinking.
"The intifada (uprising) has become institutionalised. It has put down roots that will be very difficult to uproot," said Daoud Kuttab, an East Jerusalem journalist and commentator. "It will stopped flying, which incidentally

they haven't." The battle between the Israeli military and the Palestinians has spread from the streets to the homes, workplaces, hearts, minds and wallets of the popula-

The Israelis have tried to wear the Arabs down with curfews. harassment, bureaucracy and financial hardship. They have managed to reduce the flow of outside money supporting the uprising to a trickle.

Palestinians have countered with their own self-help organisa-

Kuttab and other Arab intellectuals point to a network of committees which have sprouted like an embryonic self-government in the occupied territories.

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The committees organise stay long after the stones have strikes and run underground schools, basic health and welfare services for casualties of the uprising and families of the imprisoned and those who have quit Israeli jobs. They organise local security vigils, legal aid and agriculture for those who have begun

cultivating plots of land. This organisation has given Palestinians an unprecedented self-esteem and sense of togetherness which is the spirit of the

"Who is losing more, us or the Israelis? asked Said, a local organiser in the village of Beit Ummar. "Our people have never

hardships."

The size of crowds that still defy Israeli security forces to demonstrate in occupied Jerusalem and in the hundreds of scattered villages in the West Bank belie Israeli talk of fatigue and demoralisation.

Palestinians may have realised the uprising will not put an early end to the 21-year-old Israeli occupation, as some had believed, but they seem in no mood to stop the revolt.

Hundreds of youths arrested in the first weeks of unrest are due out of Israeli prison camps in the coming weeks. They will return to their villages and refugee camps as hardened political activists, seen as heroes by their

Reporters visiting the West Bank village of Deir Ammar, near Ramallah, this week encountered a crowd of some 150 men armed with stone who had been confronting the army all day

felt better, despite the after soldiers bulldozed some roadside trees in punishment for

rock-throwing at Israeli vehicles. There are dozens of such incidents daily and they do not rate mention in the Israeli or foreign media unless protesters are killed or seriously wounded.

In other fields, the intitada appears to have touched its limits, at least for the moment.

Despite repeated calls and threats in clandestine leaflets, the Israeli-appointed mayors of most West Bank towns have not resigned. A few of the 500 Arab policemen who resigned in the West Bank and Gaza have drifted back to work because they need the money.

There are signs of a debate among Palestinian leaders over what course the uprising should now take.

Some say privately they are worried that the backlash in Israeli society could bring a right-wing victory in next November's general election and tougher anti-Arab policies.

They suggest the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) counter with a diplomatic initia-

tive towards peace talks. Many others, however, say the Israeli poll outcome makes no difference to the Palestinians, since all parts of the present "national unity" government agree on repression in the occupied territories

One hardliner said West Bank and Gaza Strip residents would explode in anger if the PLO. pursuing diplomatic respectability, made a concession towards

An Israeli army expert on the West Bank said Israeli economic and administrative sanctions had slowed the momentum of the uprising and prevented a com-plete break between the population and the occupation author-

But she added: "Maybe we are seeing the end of round one, not the end of the intifada."

Kiss-and-tell damages Reagan's pre-summit image

By Sue Baker

WASHINGTON — A series of embarrassing revelations over White House idiosyncracies, including Nancy Reagan's star-gazing, have heaped ridicule on President Reagan as he heads for crucial summit meetings with world leaders.

Two weeks before the Moscow summit, and a month before the seven-nation economic summit in Toronto, Reagan's image as a strong, politically astute president has been tarnished by a spate of "kiss-and-tell" books by former White House aides.

Already reeling from a global barrage of editorials and cartoons poking fun at the president and his wife over the influence of astrology in their lives, Reagan compounded a sense of White House end-of-term dislocation by flubbing a long-awaited endorsement of his loyal lieutenant George Bush for president.

The president, who leaves office next January, gave what was widely seen as a lukewarm embrace of Bush last Wednesday - even mispronouncing the vice president's name at one point as 'Boosh" - and then scrambled to contain the political fall-out by issuing another endorsement in a statement the next day.

Reagan's spokesman, Marlin Fitzwater, did his best last week to deflect criticism under tough questioning from White House reporters who insisted on addresWizard of Camelot.

He denied astrology had played any part in selecting dates for the May 29-June 2 Moscow summit and scoffed at suggestions the president would be weakened by the rumpus in his talks with Kremlin chief Mikhail Gorbachev or the late June economic summit with his fellow Western leaders.

These are all interesting fun and games here in Washington and people like to read about it but it doesn't influence people in government or people in other countries who are making major policy decisions," Fitzwater said. Former White House Chief of

Staff Donald Regan, in his book For the Record: From Wall Street to Washington," published last Monday, disclosed that Nancy Reagan distated the president's travel plans and schedule after consulting a San Francisco astrologer.

The revelations prompted bemused and angry reaction in the world media, with some lam-pooning a world leader who let his wife's foibles affect his work, and others voicing concern about what they saw as a "trivialisa- : tion" of the presidency.

Most analysts agreed the episode had embarrassed the president and made him look foolish. But they also doubted any of the 'Kiss-and-Tell" revelations would permanently damage Reagan's image or harm his negotiations with Gorbachev.

"They give Soviet spokesmen a chance to make wisecracks to that in addition to foisting an kind of put the United States on astrologer upon the White House sing him as "Merlin" after the the defensive a little bit," Helmut the first lady had created a "Sha-

Sonnenfeld, a former State Department official, said.

"But the Soviets don't want to diminish Reagan's stature too much because they want a carryover (of improving U.S.-Soviet relations) in the next administration," he said.

But Regan's depiction of Reagan as disengaged, disinterested and indecisive, while potentially more serious, was largely overlooked - despite the reinforcement it offered to similarly unflattering views of the president in recent books by former press secretary Larry Speakes and former deputy White House chief of staff Michael Deaver.

"Ronald Reagan... has been protected by the national mythology," said David Kaiser, a history professor at Carnegie Mellon University in a New York Times article last Friday, exploring the president's enduring popularity with the American public.

"Like adherents of some religious flock, Americans have stubbornly resisted the reality of the man we elected in two landslides," he said.

But some critics say the astrology tale, and other anecdotes depicting Reagan as a largely ignorant and passive president compliant to his wife's wishes. may taint his standing in history because they reflect a broader shortcoming of distracted superpower leadership.

In his memoir, Regan wrote

dowy Distaff Presidency," in-

tervening to force out cabinet

members and officials. Regan's memoir was widely seen as the former chief of staff's revenge on Mrs. Reagan whom he holds responsible for his abrupt ouster from the White House in February 1987.

Speakes, in his book "Speaking Out," published last month, disclosed he had fabricated presidential quotes and passed them on to the press as Reagan's own. Deaver's recent memoir, "Be-

hind the Scenes," described

Reagan, 77, as innocent and unrealistic, with a habit of turning to the comics page when the newspaper arrived.

"I do not believe he could have survived politically, to the extent he has, without people protecting him," wrote Deaver, a close friend of the Reagans.

Two years ago former Reagan published a book painting the president as ignorant of economics, naively optimistic and oblivious to the huge deficits his tax cuts and military spending surge opinion it's better," Shultz said.

But Secretary of State George

Shultz, unable to avoid the controversy even in Europe where he was engaged in pre-summit negotiations with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, strongly defended his boss.

"My opinion is that... the Reagan presidency will be seen as budget director David Stockman a revolutionary presidency, perhaps more so than any presidency since FDR (Franklin Delano Roosevelt) because he has changed the agenda and in my.

Melanesian nationalism on rise one year after Fiji coup

By Francis Daniel

SYDNEY — A military coup in Fiji and violence in the French territory of New Caledonia have triggered a surge of nationalism which could shatter political tran-

quility in the South Pacific. The indigenous Melanesians have long been admired for their gentleness and leisurely approach

But racial tension in both island groups has led to a new militancy which threatens to spill over the whole region.

Diplomats and political leaders told Reuters that unless the situation was defused, it could lead to widespread instability in an area which they say is already a target for Soviet and Libyan activity.

A senior Fijian minister, who did not want to be named, told Reuters the coup led by Brigadier-General Sitiveni Rabuka on May 14, 1987 had helped arouse 'latent nationalist desires of the indigenous people of the South

He added: "These tendencies will surface more and more in the years to come. The South Pacific will become a politically volatile area and it will not subside until nationalistic indigenous desires are fulfilled."

In the Solomon Islands, the government says it is reviewing its constitution to protect indigenous rights and restrict immigration. Ethnic Chinese, mostly businessmen, are the main migrants and form 10 per cent of the 200,000 population.

A year after the coup in Fiji, the military is entrenched behind an interim civilian government committed to ensuring Melanesians remain in perpetual political control.

In New Caledonia, Melanesian Kanaks, demanding independence, have called a temporary halt to a violent anti-French campaign in which about 30 people have been killed.

Other South Pacific island states applauded the aims of the Fijian coup, condemned the French and declared full support for the Kanak cause, seeing it as a battle for the Melanesian birth-

Papua New Guinea, the Solo mon Islands and Vanuatu formalised their Melanesian spearhead group in March and invited Fiji to join them in consolidating traditional cultural and economic

Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Paias Wingti told France Wednesday it should withdraw its troops from New Caledonia immediately to avoid a bloodbath.

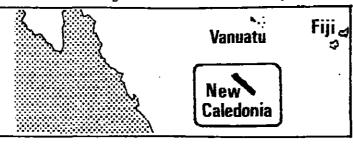
None of the Melanesian island states has the strength to provide overt assistance to the Kanaks, but they have vowed to mount an international campaign to end French rule in New Caledonia.

Officials of the 14-member South Pacific Forum warned that France could not dismiss the current Kanak campaign and its harsh military response as purely an internal matter. The Melanesian states were

also more united after developments in Fiji, they said. Rabuka, who kidnapped Fiji's first Indian-dominated government from parliament at gunpoint, has vowed to ensure in-

masters in their own land. He has said ethnic Indians, who dominate Fiji's economy

digenous people will always be



will never again be allowed poli-

tical power. Initial dismay from other island states soon turned to applause as Rabuka, who is now army commander and home affairs minister, promised a return to parliamentary democracy within the two years under a new constitution enshrining ethnic Fijians' tra-

ditional rights. Australia and New Zealand, among the strongest critics of the coup, have also resumed aid and diplomatic links with Suva, giving the Rabuka regime some international credibility.

Fijian Prime Minister Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara says the island chain has a long way to go before restoring its shattered economy and re-establishing racial harmony, but the period of strife and turmoil is over.

Government officials in the region still warn that uncertainty in Fiji and New Caledonia increases the danger of outside interference and weakens region-

Western help, may turn to Libva," said a senior official in Solomon Islands.

A radical Kanak leader, Yann Celene Uregei, recently hailed Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi for giving "impetus and encouragement to collective revolu-

Vanuatu, which established formal ties with Libya in 1986, has called for increased assistance to the Kanaks. About a dozen members of the island's ruling

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The Soviet Union, offering fishing and other commercial cooperation agreements with small island states in the region. has so far kept out of the Fiji and

New Caledonia problems. South Pacific has traditionally been the preserve of Australia, New Zealand, Britain and the United States. But sweeping Melanesian nationalism could severely test Western influence in the region, diplomats say.

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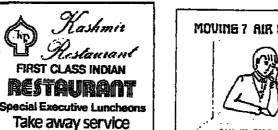
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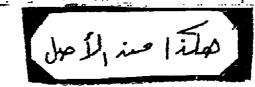
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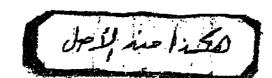
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MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

WASHINGTON (USIA) - Democratic Congressman David E. Bonior introduced legislation Thursday calling on Israel to release Mubarak Awad, the Palestinian-American peace activist, and to allow him to continue his work on behalf of a non-violent solution to the problems in the Middle East. "Mubarak Awad's commitment to non-violence, his willingness to work for peaceful change in the Middle East strikes a positive chord with all people of conscience." Bonior stated. Israel should be reaching out to people like

EC parliament condemns Turkey

Awad rather than seeking to silence them."

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STRASBOURG (R) — The European parliament Friday condemned the Turkish occupation of Northern Cyprus and said the European Community (EC) should press Turkey to withdraw its troops. The parliament said the occupation was a major stumbling block in improving relations with Turkey, which last year applied to join the 12-nation EC. It called on EC foreign ministers to put pressure on the Turkish government to draw up a precise timetable for the withdrawal of its troops. The issue last month forced a last-minute cancellation of talks between the EC and Turkey on improved economic ties after Greece insisted that the community should make a reference to Cyprus in their discussions. Turkey refused to take part in the talks, saying it would not accept a link between the Cyprus issue and its relations with the com-

Istanbul blast injures 10 people

ISTANBUL (AP) - A time-bomb exploded Thursday at a bus terminal in Istanbul, injuring 10 people, police said, Istanbul's police chief Unal Erkan told the AP that the bomb, planted in a garbage can at the Topkapi Trakya bus terminal, went off at 8:15 a.m. (0615 GMT). On April 28, two small blasts, which injured one woman and caused some damage in Istanbul, were claimed by the outlawed leftist groups Turkish Workers' and Peasants' Liberation Army and the Revolutionary

Canadian clergyman in Beirut

BEIRUT (AP) - A Canadian clergyman arrived Friday to try to deliver a petition organised by a Christian human rights group to a Shi ite Muslim religious leader asking him to intercede to gain freedom for foreign hostages. Ray Barnett, a representative of "friends in the West," a Seattlebased organisation, arrived in the port of Jounieh at 7 a.m. (0500 GMT), a police spokesman said. In the United States, former hostage David Jacobsen said Wednesday the prayerful plea had been carried out of the United States this week and was expected to be delivered this weekend to Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadiallah.

Sofaer took coins out of Israel

WASHINGTON (R) - A senior U.S. legal official who is an amateur coin collector took coins out of Israel illegally because he did not know an export licence was required, the State Department days in the ordeal that began on a said Sunday. Judge Abraham Sofaer, the depart-

Congressman urges Awad release ment's legal adviser, has contacted legal counsel in Israel to make sure he was in full compliance with the country's law, spokesman Charles Redman told reporters. A source at Israel's department of antiquities said the department was negotiating with Sofaer for the return of archaeological artifacts which he bought in Israel. "Judge Sofaer told us he purchased the artifacts from licensed dealers but would return them if required since he did not seek permission for their export," the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Reuters.

Bomb kills two in Iran

NICOSIA (AP) -- Two men were killed when a bomb they were planning to plant on a railroad line in southwestern Iran exploded prematurely, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported Thursday. The official Iranian agency said a third man fled the area near the Arak-Ahvaz railroad line after the bomb exploded May 10. It called the would-be bombers "Iraqi agents.

Israeli s protest paper closure

TEL AVIV (R) - (sraeli leftists published a newspaper Thursday to protest against the government closure of a Hebrew-Arabic publication that carried detailed reports of Israeli mistreatment of Palestinians. An editorial in the newspaper Shomer Hanitzoz (the Guardian of the Spark) said that the ban on Derech Hanitzoz (the Path of the Spark) was "another stage in the war of information that the government is waging against a Palestinian uprising." The new paper was filled with Hebrew-language articles on freedom of information and analyses of the uprising. The Israeli order to close Derech Hanitzoz in February said that the paper had ties with the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP). Six members of the banned newspaper were detained over the past month. Its publisher Asaf Adiv, arrested Tuesday, was listed on the editorial board of the new paper. "We want to put the government's closure of the newspaper in the proper context," said Adi Ofir, a member of the leftist group 21st year that financed the publica-Whoever closes a newspaper because of alleged suspicions is liable to foist suspicions on another newspaper tomorrow in order to close it." he said. Ofir said there were no immediate plans to continue publishing Shomer Hanitzoz.

Hamadi trial set for July 5

FRANKFURT (AP) — The trial of Mohammad Ali Hamadi, charged with murder and air piracy in the 1985 TWA hijacking, is expected to begin July 5, a Frankfurt court spokesman said Friday. Spokesman Falk Thomas said the Frankfurt trial was expected to last at least two months. Hamadi, a Lebanese, was arrested at Frankfurt airport Jan. 13, 1987, carrying liquid explosives and false documents. He was formally charged Feb. 8 with air piracy, murder, illegal possession of explosives and carrying a false passport. The air piracy and murder charges are in connection with the June 14, 1985 hijacking of a TWA jetliner to Beirut in which a U.S. navy diver was shot to death. Thirty-nine Americans were held captive for 17 days in the ordeal that began on a flight from

Restoration of Cairo-Algiers formal ties said imminent

CAIRO (AP) — Egypt expects to resume diplomatic relations next week with Algeria, one of Cairo's harshest critics for its 1979 treaty with Israel, according to a leading state-owned

The rapprochement would end a rupture of more than nine years and leave only Libya and Syria among original hard-line radicals shunning Egypt because of its Israeli connections. Lebanon, in Syria's shadow, also has not returned an ambassador to Cairo.

Al Mussawar, a weekly known to be close to the top echelons of government, said Thursday Egypt's reconciliation with Algeria was expected to be announced next Wednesday in Ethiopia's capital Addis

A joint statement is expected to be distributed there after a meeting between the two presidents, Hosni Mubarak of Egypt and Algeria's Chadli Benjedid, Al Mussawar said. They will be in Ethiopia for a pan-African summit conference marking the silver jubilee of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU). beadquartered in Addis Ababa.

Al Mussawar said Osama Al-Baz, Mubarak's top political aide, would visit Algeria Saturday and Sunday to prepare for the Benjedid-Mubarak summit. "Agreement has been reached on the wording of the joint statement," it added.

If the diplomatic reconciliation occurs as forecast, Algeria will be the 12th member of the Arab League to restore ties with Egypt since the Arab summit last November in Amman. A summit resolution absolved members of any collective obligation to maintain a leagueimposed break with Egypt that followed its 1979 treaty with

Other members of the Arab League, with the exception of Sudan, Somalia and Oman, broke relations after the treaty signing in March 1979. Jordan restored ties in 1984. Djibouti two years later.

Since the Amman summit, all the rest have restored relations except Algeria, Libya, Syria and Lebanon,

U.N. report highlights stalemate in W. Sahara

RABAT (R) — An unpublished United Nations report, prepared before this week's restoration of diplomatic ties between Morocco and Algeria, shows wide disparities in their views about the Western Sahara which is at the root of their quarrel.

Diplomats consider the restoration of official ties a major step towards peace in the disputed former Spanish colony, where a 12-year war has settled into military stalemate and political deadlock

The 100-page U.N. report, a sort of peacemaker's guide to the war, was prepared to help U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in his efforts to resolve the conflict.

The war pits Algerian-backed Polisario guerrillas against the Moroccan forces that control most of the Western Sahara.

Polisario and Morocco agree the future of the territory should he settled by a referendum, but after vast changes since Spain relinquished control in 1976, they differ widely on who should be allowed to take part and on the

NICOSIA (R) - Two senior

Iranian clergymen have denied a

Western news report that they

had called for an end to the

Iran-Iraq war. Tehran Radio

The radio said Thursday the

denials were made by the offices

of Ayatollah Mohammad Reza

Golpayegani and Avatollah Sha-

habeddin Marashi Najafi in the

The British daily Independent

reported Monday that the two

grand avatolians had written an

open letter to Iran's supreme

leader Avatollah Ruhollah

Khomeini asking for an end to

the war and talks with other

Muslim countries to restore Iran's

The two ayatollahs, in their

80s, are known for their con-

servative views on economic and

social affairs. They rarely issue

political statements, but their

pronouncements carry weight be-

cause of their rank in the Shi'ite

There is opposition to the 712-

year-old war among Iranian cler-

ics on religious and political

grounds, but Khomeini's ada-

mant support for pursuing the

clerical hierarchy.

position in the Islamic World.

holy city of Qom.

Iranian clergymen deny

urging peace with Iraq

conditions in which it should be

The report, a copy of which was obtained by Reuters, is the fruit of a U.N. technical survey mission led by Abdul Rahim Abby Farah, assistant secretarygeneral for special political questions.

It made a two-week tour of the area last November and December to collect its data. It was not asked to form opinions or evaluate the information it was given.

The mission found that Moroccan and guerrilla forces face each other across a 1,600kilometre defensive system - the wall — zigzagging down the de-sert from Zag in the north to Zug in the south, and then along the Mauritanian border to the Atlantic.

The report said Moroccan

war as a sacred duty greatly nar-

rows the scope of public debate on

himself a conservative member of

parliament, wrote in Resalat

newspaper last January:

Ayatollah Ahmad Azari Qomi,

"Certain (Islamic) scholars and

professors of our time should

know that indifference to sucred

defence and crying out for peace... puts them in the ranks of

Saad, Abdallah and Osameh (fi-

gures in the dawn of Islam

punished for not going to war)."

ni's office said the avatollah "de-

nied the rumours and remarks

attributed to him and prayed for

rication and I have never held

such views." the radio quoted

A similar denial was issued by

the Society of Qom Theological

Professors, a conservative group-

ing of Muslim clergymen headed

quoted by the Iranian news agen-

cy IRNA, that reports of it advo-

cating negotiations with Iraq

were pipe dreams cooked up by

The society said in a statement,

Marashi Najafi as saying.

by Golpavegani.

Western powers.

"These rumours are pure fab-

victory of Islamic combatants."

Tehran radio said Golpayega-

merits of the war.

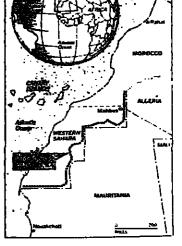
strategy "consists of testablishing; a continuous and relatively impregnable defensive perimeter while Polisario has adopted "a conscious strategy of attrition...
to compel the Moroccans to maintain strong forces at a high state of alert."

Military experts with the U.N. mission noted that the guerrillas were "equipped with brand-new and sophisticated weapons" and that relatively few items of captured Moroccan equipment were

The mission found there were wide disparities in estimates of the population which was put at about 74,000 by a Spanish census in 1974.

According to Polisario, the population now is 207,000 of whom 150,000 are at four refugee camps in Algeria, and 17,000 in liberated territories."

A Moroccan census in 1982 gave a population of 163.878. The report noted that "such an abnor-



was explained by population movements from the north since

The report did not mention Polisario demands that Moroccan settlers, officials and troops must all be withdrawn before a re-

ferendum. It said both sides agreed the criterion of who should vote should be proof that the voter is a member of a known Saharan mal increase (an annual growth of tribe, but noted that tribes in the approximately seven per cent) area overlap political frontiers.

Iran plans talks with France on relations

NICOSIA (R) - Iranian and French officials will meet soon to discuss resumption of diplomatic ties after a 10-month break, according to Iran's Prime Minis-

ter Mir-Hossein Mousavi. Mousavi hoped the two countries would be able "to lay a good foundation for good mutual relations," the Iranian news agency IRNA, monitored in Nicosia, reported Thursday.

France's new Socialist Prime Minister Michel Rocard said Wednesday his government would continue on the course set by its predecessor and reestablish ties with Tehran.

Mousavi gave no specific time for the meeting or details of who would take part in the talks. Rocard said former Prime

Minister Jacques Chirac had promised to resume diplomatic relations with Tehran in exchange for Iran's help in freeing the last three French hostages in Lebanon. Mousavi made no reference to the French hostages, freed in Beirut two weeks ago.

France severed diplomatic ties with Tehran last July when Vahid Gordji, a translator at the Iranian embassy in Paris, refused to be ties.

questioned in court about a series of bombings in the French capital

Relations between the two countries had soured before over France's financial and military hacking of Iraq. Iran set three conditions for

normalisation of ties - repayment of a billion-dollar loan made in the mid-1970s, curbing the activities of exiled opponents of the Iranian government in France and an end to French weapons sales to Iraq.

Since Chirac took office in March 1986, several leaders of the Iranian opposition group Mujahedeen-e-Khalo were expelled from France and two-thirds of the disputed loan was renaid.

But French officials have said they would not change their policy towards Iraq to please Iran. In the same period, 10 French nationals held by pro-Iranian militant groups in Lebanon were released.

Iranian officials singled out the socialists as the group responsible for France's tilt towards fraq and the deterioration of Tehran-Paris

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Ambassador offers assistance

Japan perceives pivotal Jordanian role

The following is the first of a three-part series in which Jordan Times economic reporter Salameh Ne'matt attempts to assess Japan's growing interest in Jordan and the region and the Kingdom's recent investment mission to Tokyo. In this part, he interviews Japan's ambassador to Jordan.

its feet wet in the Middle East as it begins stretching its political involvement parallel to its economic influence in the region. The move is gloabally perceived as a long overdue step by the world's second largest economy.

Tokyo's decision last October to extend a \$300 million soft loan to Jordan was justified by Jordanian and Japanese officials as an acknowledgement by Tokyo of Jordan's pivotal role in the stability of the entire region, including the Arab Gulf.

Last month, Jordan responded

JAPAN seems determined to get by Tokyo, by organising a trade and investment mission to the Japanese capital consisting of representatives at the official level and the private sector.

"At our own initiative, we felt the need to play a bigger role - a role we are expected to play as a large economy." Japan's ambassador to Jordan, Makato Watanabe, told the Jordan Times.

Japan's interest in the Middle East started with Gulf oil and over the years. Tokyo began developing its relations with Gulf

"But because of the general to the apparently surprise action awareness of the need to make

political contributions, we became more interested in the Middle East in a broader sense." Watanabe explained. "We became aware of Jordan's role in the Middle East and the entire region," he continued, referring to Japan's \$300 million development assistance package to Jordan. "It was one example of

increasing involvement." Japan has recently been active in diplomatic efforts in the Gulf aimed at reaching an end to the tanker war in the waterway and help the United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in his mediation efforts to end the seven-and-a-half year Iran-Iraq conflict.

"We are aware that the Gulf war is a serious conflict and we have tried to create the proper atmosphere and circumstances

that would improve the situation," Watanabe said. Japan draws on the fact that it maintains a neutral position vis-a-vis the Gulf war and on enjoying good ties with both sides in the conflict.

The ambassador described the Jordanian trade and investment mission to Japan, led by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, as a fruitful success and that cordial relations between the Jordanian family and Japan's imperial family have been further strengthened by the patronage of Crown Prince Hassan.

He said that talks in Japan, during the Crown Prince's visit last month, covered the Middle East, the Gulf war and Afghanistan.

In addition, he added, there were talks which centred on government to government economic cooperation with private sector involvement. He said there was a considerably high degree of interest in Jordan among Japanese businessmen and that the opportunity provided by the visit was

However, Watanabe pointed out, "we will have to do a lot of follow up work, particularly on the economic level."

He believes that the two governments can help their respective private sectors to develop contacts and establish coopera-

"I am glad to see the Jordanian industry seeking ways to develop contacts with the Japanese pri-vate sector." He said he was 'quite willing to be of as much help as possible."

He pointed out that the cultural and academic exchanges are an area where much can be done in cooperation between the two countries, as part of the effort to acquaint people in both countries with each other.

Watanabe served his country in Washington D.C. between 1981 and 1985 and worked on the U.S. desk at the foreign ministry in Tokyo before he was appointed in March as ambassador to

In an earlier interview with the Jordan Times and Al Ra'i, the director of the higher council of science and technology's communication and international relations section. Dr. Mazen Al Armouti, said the mission to Japan had achieved its objectives in various ways.

Armouti, who was a member



Makato Watanabe

of the delegation to Japan, said the tour served as an important opportunity which Crown Prince Hassan "used efficiently and professionally to present and analyse the current situation in the region

and South West Asia." Armouti said that the integral organic relations between countries of South Western Asia, figured high during the Tokyo talks, with Crown Prince Hassan highlighting Jordan's "active and important role as a pillar of stability and balance" in the region and a driving force for inter-regional

He referred to His Majesty King Hussein's efforts to rally the Arab fold and formulate a pan-Arab stand during the extraordinary Arab summit held in Amman last November.

In the interview, Armouti said economic and investment dimensions of the tour were covered effectively through intensive. clear and influential presentations of the concept of bilateral. regional and inernational econome relations through broad starting points that eliminate the narrow vision of inter-regional

The starting points, according to Armouti, "should be based on common economic interests and a stable framework for bilateral cooperation.

Armouti asserted that the Japanese side "has realised the advantages of investments in Jordan in terms of the Kingdom's geographic location, investment atmosphere, flexible laws and regulations and the Kingdom's distinguished position as a centre for technological advancement and qualified manpower and its credibility and close ties with all countries of the region.

Possibilities for utilising preferential treatment given to Jordan by the Council of Arab Economic Unity, the European Community and the U.S. were also discussed.

Jordanian and Indian officials sign air transport agreement (Petra photo)

dan and India Thursday signed an agreement on cooperation in air transport to come into effect by July 1988. Under the terms of the agree-

national Jordanian airline, will operate direct two weekly flights to New Delhi and Calcutta. The move was described by

ment, Royal Jordanian (RJ), the

Jordanian airline officials as designed to help bolster Jordanian-

AMMAN (Petra + J.T.) — Jor- tourist and economic ties between the two countries.

> The agreement was signed at Alia Gateway Hotel by the director general of the Jordan's Civil Aviation Authority and the under-secretary of the Indian Civil Aviation Authority in the presence of RJ officials.

An Indian team to the talks arrived here Tuesday and immediately embarked on talks with the Civil Aviation Authority offi-Indian relations and promote cials to promote air transport cooperation in air transport.

cooperation between India and

The team, which has now left for home, has also toured a numher of archaeological and tourist sites in the Kingdom.

In February last year, an Indian civil aviation delegation visited Amman and held talks with RJ 33 officials on operating a direct air link between India and Jordan. The visit resulted in the signing of a tentative memorandum of understanding to bolster bilateral

in 1986 to 20.1 million tons in

Jordan's exports have in-

creased during the first ten months of 1987 to JD 191.6 mil-

lion or by 4.4 per cent over the

corresponding period of 1986. In-

dustrial exports constituted 58.8

per cent of total exports marking

an increase of 20.8 per cent over

the corresponding period of 1986.

ported amounted to JD 50.7 mil-

lion or 26.4 per cent of total

exports. Potash exports

Imports decreased during the

first ten months of 1987 to JD

703.2 million or by 0.12 per cent.

Consequently, the balance of

payments showed a deficit of JD

511.5 million during the first ten

months of 1987 compared to JD

corresponding period of 1986.

JD 17.0 million.

Total value of phosphate ex-

1987 or by 19.6 per cent.

Indicators show strong Jordanian activities

Following is the second and final part of the economic review reprinted from the 1987 annual report of Jordan's Industrial Development Bank. Part 1 appeared in Thursday's issue.

Agriculture

Preliminary figures show that agricultural production during 1987 increased in comparison with 1986.

The government continued its policy which aims at encouraging grain production, reclamation of land, afforestation and organisation of agricultural production. During 1987, fifty eight thousand dunums in the southern and eastern regions of the Kingdom were rented to agricultural companies in the private sector for grain

production Another 114 thousand dunums in the same area were rented in 1986 and production is expected

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in the harvesting season of 1988. During 1987, reclamation of 25 thousand dunums were completed, 9.5 million of forest seed!ngs and one million seedlings of fruit trees were produced and

Work in Zarga and Hammad

projects started which aim at developing both areas

distributed in 1987.

Work is also progressing on the amounted during the period to extension of King Abdullah canal

project The Agricultural Credit Corporation approved during the year 2,682 loans totalling JD 5.14 million for the purchase of agricultural inputs and development of arid and irrigated land. The Cooperative Bank extended 520.5 million deficit during the 1.134 loans totalling JD 1.8 mil-

lion to 72 cooperative societies puts.

Building and construction

The Housing Corporation completed during 1987 three housing projects of 212 housing units at Um Keis in the northern region and Hesha Al Beida and Badul in Petra with a total area of 14.5 thousand square metres and at a total cost of JD 1.9 million.

During 1987, the Housing Bank approved 2.751 loans totalling JD 25.3 million for the construction of 3,698 housing units. Another JD 54.4 million were extended for housing and de-

velopment projects. Activities in Agaba

During 1987, work commenced on the execution of several projects in the port to fulfill increasing requirements of storage areas and services. Among these projects were the construction of hangers for chemicals and storage areas, coast telecommunication station... etc. at a total cost of JD 0.93 million. Work is progressing on the construction of a passen ger terminal at a total cost of JD .5 million.

Number of ships docking at Agaba port amounted to 2,555 ships and tonnage, including phosphate fertilizers and potash increased from 16.8 million tons

Outstanding credit facilities of sectors of the economy increased to JD 1,513.033 million or by 8.4 per cent over 1986. Credit to industry, mining and tourism decreased by 2.1 per cent compared

to 1986. Monetary development

The Central Bank of Jordan in continued to direct monetary policy with the aim of maintaining monetary stability, facilitating general economic activities and encouraging investment in development projects. In this respect several measures were taken, such as reduction of reserve ratio on demand deposits from nine per cent to five per cent. Such reduction was applicable on that part of commercial reserves equivalent to bank's in-

vestment in treasury bills. The Central Bank of Jordan also allowed commercial banks to reduce investment from 15 per cent to nine per cent of their paid up capital and reserves in shares local shareholding companies with the aim of increasing liquidity of commercial banks.

To encourage export financing, the central bank adjusted its general terms of discount provided to commercial banks for export purposes to include all local companies

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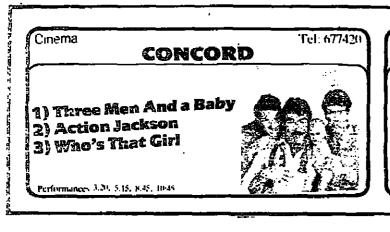
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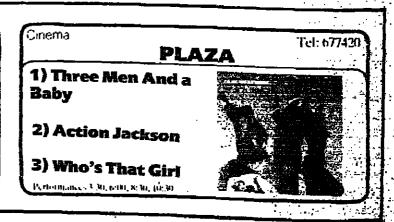
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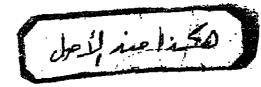


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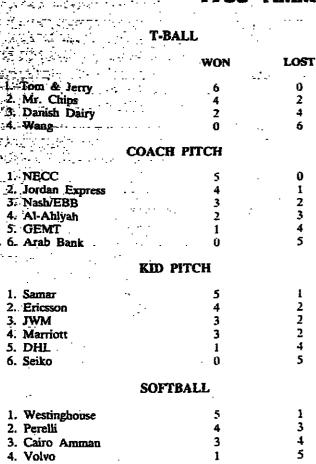
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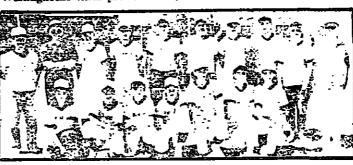


Jordan Express (second place) - Coach Pitch









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Perelli (second place) — Softbail

NBA ROUNDUP

Mavericks win series

DALLAS (AP) — Rolando Blackman scored nine straight points in the fourth period Thursday night to lead the Dallas Mavericks into their first National Basketball Association (NBA) Western Conference Championship series with a 108-95 victory over the Denver Nuggets.

Dallas, which beat the Nuggets four games to two in their best-of-seven series, will play the winner of the Utah-Los Angeles Lakers series.

Blackman and Sam Perkins each had 23 points for the Mavericks, who had never before been past game 6 in the Western Conference

Alex English led the crippled Nuggets with 34 points. Denver played its third straight game without Lafayette Lever and Jay Vincent, both out with injuries.

Jazz 108, Lakers 80

In Salt Lake City, Karl Malowe scored 27 points and Bobby Hansen added 25 as the Utah Jazz defeated the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers 108-80 Thursday night and sent their NBA second-round playoff series into a decisive seventh game.

The two teams will return to the forum in Inglewood, California, for game 7 Saturday afternoon, where the Jazz already have won

once this series.

The Jazz never trailed after Malone gave them an 8-7 lead with 8:17 left in the first quarter.
Magic Johnson scored only 10 points, all coming in the first half.

Detroit beat Chicago 102-95

In New York, Detroit advanced to the Eastern Conference final Wednesday night with a 102-95 NBA victory over Chicago, eliminating the Bulls. Meanwhile, Boston teetered on the edge of elimination

with its 112-104 loss to Atlanta in its semifinal series. The Pistons' Bill Laimbeer scored 13 of his 19 points in the fourth quarter to eliminate the Bulls in a 4-1 series.

Detroit's defence, which held Chicago's Michael Jordan to 23 and A points in the third and fourth games of the series, held Jordan to points - just nine in the second half - in game 5. Isiah Thomas scored 25 points for Detroit, 15 in the first half, and

drian Dantley scored 18 of his 22 points in the first half.

Detroit led 73-71 at the start of the final period.

But Sam Vincent and Charles Oakley scored four points each in a Chicago run that gave the Bulls their last lead, 80-77 with 9:03

NHL RESULTS

NEW YORK (R) - Results of best-of-seven Stanley Cup playoff games Wednesday:

Stanley Cup Finals

Edmonton Oilers Boston Bruins (Oilers lead series 1-0)

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What action do you take?

Q.6-As South, vulnerable, you The bidding has proceeded:

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Q.4-Neither vulnerable, as South

Expelled player kills referee

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP) - A soccer referee has died in a hospital from injuries suffered when a player he had ordered off the field threw a rock and hit him in the head, police said Thursday. Showman Tsuro was refereeing a division II league game between Cranborne Bullets and Arcturus at Arcturus Mine May 8 when he sent the player off the pitch for foul play. The expelled player picked up a rock and flung it at the referee. knocking him unconscious, police said. Tsuro died in a Harare hospital Tuesday. The match was cancelled when the referee was hit. The errant player may be charged with homicide, police

Goalkeeper on target as Colombia beat Finland

HELSINKI (R) — Colombia continued their European soccer tour with a 3-1 victory over Finland Thursday in a friendly international marked by a second half penalty goal from goalkeeper Rene Higuita. The Colombians. who drew 0-0 against Scotland in the Rous Cup in Glasgow Tuesday, took the lead against the run of play through Arango in the 19th minute. Finland drew level after 38 when Jari Rantanen, who plays for English second division club Leicester City, headed a fine equaliser. But Colombia boosted their confidence before next week's encounter with England at Wembley with two goals in the second half through Higuita, from a 47th minute penalty.

English soccer crowds increasing

LONDON (AP) - Soccer attendances in England rose last season for the second year running, according to figures released Thursday. A reduction in the number of first division teams from 22 to 21 meant that the figure for the top flight was slightly down. but the underlying trend was upwards, said Graham Kelly, secretary of the English Football League. The total number of fans who watched the matches in the four division of the league was 17,960,322, an increase of 3.2 per cent over the previous season. That represented an average \$.847 for each match. The average attendance for first division games was 19.252.

Tardelli finishes contract with Swiss club

ST. GALLEN, Switzerland (R) — Midfielder Marco Tardelli, who helped Italy to win the 1982 World Cup, has had his contact with Swiss first division side St. Gallen terminated by mutual agreement with a year still to run. St. Gallen trainer Marcus Frei said Thursday that this evening's league game against Lucerne would be the Italian's last appearance for the club. Tardelli, 33, who joined St. Gallen last September from Internazionale Milan for around \$140,000, spent most of the season on the substitutes' bench due to injuries. He was capped 85 times by Italy. His goal in the 1982 World Cup final in Madrid helped defeat. West Germany 3-1.

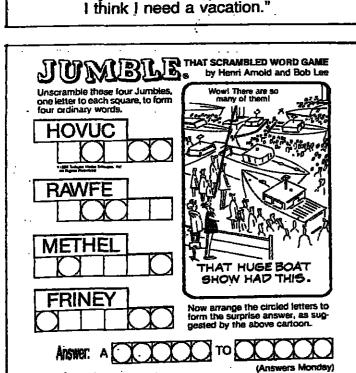
Paralysed U.S. gymnast to return home

TOKYO (AP) — Julissa Gomez, a 15-year-old U.S. gymnast paralysed in an accident earlier this month, will be flown back to the United States Saturday, a spokesman for the Japan Gymnastics Association said. Gomez, of Blue Springs, Missouri, will be flown back to the United States on a U.S. military plane scheduled to depart from Yokota Air Base Saturday afternoon. The plane will make stopovers in Honolulu and Sacramento, where Gomez will then be transferred to a flight for Houston, JGA spokesman Kyoji Itsukaichi said. He said two doctors from the United States arrived in Tokyo early Friday to make final rations for the flight and consult with Japanese doctors who have been treating Julissa at the emergency centre of the Tokyo University Hospital. The girl's parents, Ramiro and Otilia, who arrived in Tokyo two days after the accident, will accompany Julissa on the flight home.

Nepalese king dissolves sports council

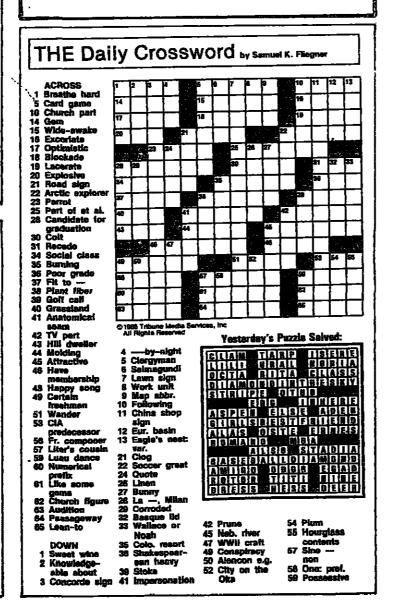
KATMANDU, Nepal (AP) — King Birendra dissolved the National Sports Council following a government commission report saying the group had been responsible for failing to control a stadium stampede in March which claimed more than 70 lives, a statement from the royal palace said Friday.

THE BETTER HALF By Harris "Today I drank 42 cups of coffee.



Jumbles: LIMBO HAIRY ADJOIN DRIVEL Answer: If you can't face the music, you'll never get to do this—LEAD THE BAND

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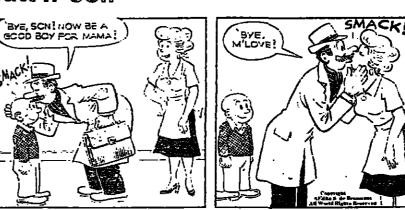
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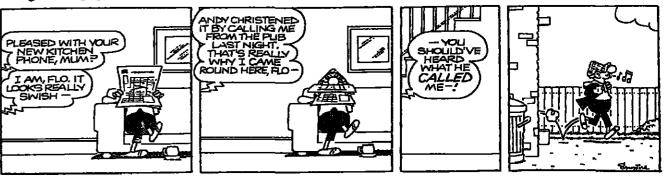


Mutt'n' Jeff





Andy Capp



S. Korean students attack U.S. embassy

SEOUL (Agencies) — Radical students hurled six homemade bombs into the U.S. embassy and injured a police officer Friday as anti-government protesters fought riot police for a fourth day.

Students staged demonstrations and marches at colleges in Seoul and other cities to demand the overthrow of President Roh Tae-Woo and removal of U.S. troops. Many of the protests were peaceful, but some turned into battles with police in green combat fatigues and black-visored helmets.

"Down with the military dictatorship," the protesters shouted. "Drive out the Yankee imperial-

Students hurling firebombs and rocks clashed with police in batties around at least three colleges in Seoul and one school in the southern city of Kwangju. Police fired volleys of tear-gas and formed walls of shields to stop protesters from marching into the streets.

Eight students were arrested in Suwon, south of Seoul, when they stormed an office of the governing Democratic Justice Party with firebombs and sticks. Riot police overpowered the

Students carrying a South Korean flag and banners denouncing the government and the United States scaled over the walls of the U.S. embassy compound and others rushed the gate, police said. They hurled six bombs at police guards and one officer was hurt when four of the devices exploded.

Students ran around the compound for several minutes, shouting slogans and scattering leaflets before riot police overpowered and arrested seven protesters. Eyewitnesses said some students

"Drive out the U.S." the students shouted.

The state-run Korean Broadcast System said one student was injured by a policeman armed with an iron bar, but police said they could not confirm the report. The injured officer was hospitalised with blast wounds, they

U.S. embassy officials said the bombs did not cause any damage to the building and no U.S. per-

sonnel were hurt. Police said the bombs were crude chemical explosives packed in soft drink Roh is distrusted by many Koreans because of the role he

played in the authoritarian gov-

ernment of former President

Chun Doo-Hwan, who stepped

down in February. Roh narrowly

won presidential elections in De-

cember over divided opposition

Three days of major clashes hit

Seoul and other cities this week

as thousands of students and dis-

sidents hurling firebombs and

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A black South African leader ar-

rived in Israel Friday, saying he

wanted to witness for himself the

Palestinian uprising in the occu-

the Soweto Civic Association,

came as a guest of the Israeli

foreign ministry and labour fed-

eration and will meet Israelis and

He is scheduled to meet Israeli

Referring to the five-month

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres

and President Chaim Herzog dur-

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pied territories, Motlana said on

on the spot, to see whether the

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Africa of events now happening

"Black South Africans have

in this area are in fact valid."

JACKSONVILLE, Florida (AP)

- Carlos Lehder Rivas, a re-

puted leader of Colombia's vio-

ent medellin drug cartel, was

found guilty Thursday of running

smuggling operation that

rought tons of cocaine into the

The jury began its delibera-

tions Friday and deliberated dur-

ing seven days before returning a

verdict just after 11 a.m. (1500

Lehder, 38, and codefendant

Jack Carlton Reed, 57, were

charged with conspiring to smug-

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GMT) Thursday.

"I've come to see the situation

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pied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Nthato Motlana, president of

rocks battled riot police in the be punished for the incident.

Black S. African

leader visits Israel

Radical groups called for a march in Seoul Saturday to denounce the Roh government. Opposition church groups also called for peaceful protests.

National police remained on nationwide alert. Riot police squads stood guard at key locations in Seoul or waited out of sight in side streets.

Protesters have denounced the United States in demonstrations this week, charging that Washington supports military dictatorship in South Korea. Radical leaders want the 40,000 U.S. troops based in South Korea expelled and an end to Seoul's alliance with Washington:

Protesters broke windows and hurled firebombs Thursday at the Seoul office of the U.S. Information Service. The centre was seized by radicals in February who exploded several bombs that caused minor damage.

Radical groups reject broad democratic reforms made by the Roh government since it took power in February. The radicals contend the nation is not a Democracy and demand a nation-

Sikh separatists struck again in the northern Indian state of Punjab Friday, killing at least 16

The killings, which included a sleeping family and people standing at a bus stop, provided proof to the police belief that the surrender of 46 militants to end a 10-day siege of the sacred Golden Temple was just one battle in a long war.

The vast temple complex, the headquarters of the Sikh faith in the old walled city of Amritsar, still stands silent.

Until the siege was sparked by a militant gunmen who wounded a senior policeman, the 400-yearold temple had resounded with few interruptions to the sound of ritual chanting and readings from the Sikh holy book.

Police bomb squads were still probing the honeycombed complex for arms and ammunition while Red Cross workers searched for bodies.

Kadar Friday opened the first

party conference in 31 years, ex-

pected to focus on economic and

political changes that could affect

Janos Barabas told reporters

Thursday that the 990 delegates

to the conference will have the

opportunity "to create a new

The conference comes amid

speculation that Kadar, 75, may

be replaced after serving as

Hungary pioneered economic reform in Eastern Europe two

decades ago, but it has become

bogged down by a soaring ba-

lance of payments deficit and

foreign debt as well as political

differences within the leadership.

three-day conference has stimu-

lated thousands of individual calls

for a radical and active reform

Barabas earlier said a person-nel committee will be formally

chosen Friday. It will make re-

commendations for membership

Barabas said any changes in the

party leadership would be announced after a final central

committee meeting Sunday.

He did not elaborate, saying

on the central committee.

A draft document for the

leadership if they want to."

general secretary since 1956.

Central committee member

the nation's top officials.

them militants fighting for an independent homeland they call Khalistan, were killed before the last 46, who took refuge in the inner sanctum on which police were ordered not to fire, surrendered Wednesday.

Police had expected retaliation for the siege from gunmen still at large. They have not been disappointed.

More than 125 people have: been killed across Punjab in three days, including 30 Hindu canal diggers dragged out of their beds, lined up and shot.

Police in Chandigarh, the Punjab state capital, said militants killed five people and wounded five as they waited for a bus Friday in Bhatinda district.

Six hours earlier, gunmen broke into a farmhouse near Amritsar and killed six sleeping workers, police said.

Punjab police chief K.P.S. Gill, himself a Sikh told reporters in Amritsar he did not know when the temple rituals, of cru-At least 38 people, most of cial importance to the Sikh faith,

"Let the temple be cleansed first, then it will be decided," he

The rituals, halted by the siege. have not been suspended for so long in living memory, not even during the June, 1984 army action against separatists in the temple in which over 1,000 people were

The operation horrified Sikhs, who saw it as sacrilege. Four months later, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by Sikh bodyguards.

Reporters Friday were allowed into the temple, including the Harmandir Sahib inner sanctum, where a stench hung over parts of the shrine where the last gunmen held out.

The militants urinated and defecated into brass pots and tins rather than desecrate the shrine where the Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book, is housed. The first floor was still strewn with weapons, including Chinese-

gle 2.5 tonnes of cocaine into the United States from Colombia via made AK-47 assault rifles. the Bahamas from 1978 to 1980. Lehder was found guilty on all Major reforms figure high in 1st counts: conspiracy, two counts of importation of cocaine, seven counts of possession of cocaine Hungarian party meeting in 31 years with intent to distribute and one

charge of engaging in a continuing criminal enterprise. He looked down, then stared

ehder convicted read the verdicts. He now faces life plus 150 years in prison and up to \$350,000 in fines and forefe-

streets. Police used volleys of

tear-gas to break up the worst

political violence since nation-

The protests were called to

mark the May 18 anniversary of a

1980 anti-government uprising in

the southern city of Kwangiu.

tend Roh, a top general, played a

leading role in the bloody sup-

pression of the Kwangju uprising

in which at least 191 people were

killed. Radicals demand that Roh

always identified with the Arabs

as a Third World nation in the

anti-colonial struggle with the

Motlana said he was unhappy

about relations between Israel

government, "particularly in mat-

ters of security and armaments,'

But on Friday, South African

embassy press officer Tom Mar-

kram said the embassy had not

put on pressure to prevent Motla-

na's visit and in fact had "no

25 years before he was granted a

passport by South African offi-

cials in 1986. During that time, he

was forced to turn down dozens

of invitations to travel and speak

Motlana fought for more than

Arabs," he added.

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knowledge" of the trip.

Some opposition groups con-

wide riots last summer.

iture of his assets in the Bahamas. Reed, a resident of California. was convicted of a single conspiracy count and faces up to 15 years in prison and \$25,000 in

Jurors' names have not been revealed for security reasons, and U.S. Judge Howell W. Melton had the foreman sign the verdict

form only with his number. Prosecutors had called Lehder the biggest foreign drug smuggler ever brought to trial in the United States and said he was the "Henry Ford of drug trafficking, pioneering mass shipments of cocaine by air from Colombia to the United States.

On Wednesday, the jury had reviewed a videotape in which Lehder had called drugs a "revolutionary" weapon against straight ahead as the court clerk North American imperialism.

Foreigners blamed for Italian blasts

BOLZANO, Italy (AP) - Investigators Thursday blamed recent bombings in the northern Alto Adige region on neo-Nazi group based in West Germany and Austria. "The bombs were probably placed by German-speaking extremists inspired by neo-Nazi groups based in Bavaria and the North Tyrol," said Renato Compagnone, chief of Bolzano's squad that handles politically linked crimes. He did not say what information led him to that conclusion. Alto Adige, also known as South Tyrol, borders Austria and has many German-speaking residents. North Tyrol refers to an Austrian region along the border. In the provincial capital of Bolzano Tuesday, bombs went off outside two buildings housing Italian-speaking families and outside the local offices of the Italian state-run television RAI and the Italian telephone company SIP. There were no injuries.

'Philippine bases need \$2.5 billion'

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. negotiators should agree to seek \$2.5 billion over five years to keep military bases in the Philippines on the condition that President Corazon Aquino move to allow the bases to stay beyond 1991, says a report Friday from a conservative think tank

The report by Heritage Foundation policy analyst Richard D. Fisher also advocates the sale of modern jet fighters and naval warships to the Philippine military and a review of "the entire range of U.S. actions to keep Manila from expelling U.S. forces."

A review of the bases agreement which lapses in 1991 is under way in Manila, with compensation for the bases a major issue.

Neither side in the talks has indicated how much might be asked for or paid. But suggestions by Philippine officials have and the apartheid South African ranged to more than \$1 billion a year over the current \$180 million in annual aid attached to U.S. use of Clark Air Base and Subic Israeli radio reported the South African embassy tried to block Naval Base during the expiring five-year period.

Actual military aid to the Philippines during the five years will total about \$1.7 billion, says Fisher in his report, "a strategy for keeping the U.S. bases in the Philippines.'

The Heritage Foundation is a privately funded think tank which generally espouses conservative views, often paralleling those of President Ronald Reagan's admi-

Aid tied to the bases is one of three major financial packages being considered for the financially troubled Philippines, which is more than \$28-billion in debt. The administration, according to sources, is preparing to back a multinational effort to collect \$10 billion over five years in aid trade concessions and debt relief.

It has also asked Congress to appropriate \$257 million in aid for fsical 1989, down \$90 million from what Congress appropriated iast year.

U.S. officials have suggested all the aid might be tied together, but Aquino has said she supports the multinational aid idea only if it is now linked to what the Philippines views as rent for the U.S. bases. Fisher, in his analysis, calls the

U.S. military facilities in the Philippines the "American Gibraltar in Southeast Asia," saying that if the United States abandons them, the Soviet Union will move

Fisher criticises Philippine Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus, who lived in U.S. exile during eight years of martial law under ex-President Ferdinand E. Marcos. The report describes Manglapus as "a staunch nationalist apparently obsessed with the U.S. colonial past."

"The Heritage Foundation analyst also criticises Aquino for not taking a stand on the bases. She has said only that she is keeping her options open until the current agreement is renegotiated, sometime before

"Her vagueness tends to strengthen the hand" of Manglapus, the report says.

A pro-bases view is being expressed by Philippine Defence Minister Fidel V. Ramos, who was in New York Friday after five days of meetings in Washington.

Sri Lankan party official shot dead

COLOMBO (R) — Suspected Marxist gunmen shot dead a senior official of Sri Lankan President Junius Jayewardene's United National Party Friday, police

Police said they believed the Sinhalese Marxist group Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP: People's Liberation Front) was responsible for the murder of Nandalal Fernando, secretary-general of the ruling party.
Police said two men emerged

from a side road in the Wellawatte area of Colombo and opened fire with automatic rifles as Fernando's car headed along a highway to his office.

Security guards travelling in another car behind Fernando returned fire before the gunmen and a third man sped away on a motorcycle through light early morning traffic.

Friday's incident came 10 days after Jayewardene lifted a five-year-old proscription on the JVP, a group of youths from the majority Sinhalese community who are opposed to last year's Indian-Sri Lankan accord to stop a separat-

ist war by minority Tamils. The ban was lifted under a purported agreement with the JVP worked out by intermediaries. JVP leaders disowned

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The government hoped that by lifting the proscription it would get the JVP to give up violence and join the democratic process. The group instead called last week for parliament's dissolution

and listed 13 demands it said should be granted to show government sincerity. The JVP has claimed that last year it killed about-260 people who either supported the pact with India or were UNP members

or supporters. The accord is at present enforced by 70,000 Indian soldiers in northern and eastern pro-

island to contain violence by the JVP and Tamil rebels. Indian Defence Minister K.C.

Pant is due to arrive later this month to discuss details of a phased withdrawal of Indian sol-A cabinet minister said Thurs-

day the government would still hold provincial council elections despite violence by the Marxist rebels and Tamil guerrillas.

"We will go ahead with elections in the north, east and south. despite peripheral violence," Lands Minister Gamini Dissanayake told parliament.

Tibetans stage clemency rally

DHARAMSALA, India (AP) — About 400 people led by Tibetan monks marched Friday through the streets of Dharamsala to appeal to China to spare four Tibetans arrested in the death of a Chinese policeman. The policeman died during protests in the Tibetan capital of Lhasa in March. Dharamsala, in the northern Indian state of Himachal Pradesh, is the home of the Dalai Lama, the exiled Tibetan spiritual leader, and many of his followers. Tibetan shops and businesses were closed Friday as part of the protest. Xinhua, the Chinese news agency, reported in April that four men were arrested April 14 in connection with the March 5 death of the policeman. As many as 24 people died in clashes that day in Lhasa. The Dalai Lama Thursday issued a statement saying there were reports that the four Tibetans would be executed and urging that they be spared. The men were identified as Lobsang Tenzin, a student of Tibet university at Lhasa, Tsering Dhondup, a monk, Gyaltsen Chophel, a businessman and Sonam Wangdu, a carpenter. Friday's demonstration was organised by the Dharamsala Tibetan Freedom Movement, a lobby group. It said appeals were sent to the prime ministers of India and China. China invaded Tibet in 1959. The Dalai Lama and about 100,000 of his followers fled to India that year after an abortive Tibetan

Japanese hijackers deny Red Army link

TOKYO (AP) — A group of Japanese hijackers who commandeered a jetliner to North Korea in 1970 say they have no links to the extremist Japanese Red Army, according to a message from the group sent to the Kyodo news service. The hijackers wish to return to Japan "to fight for Japan and the Japanese people," the group said Wednesday in a telex message and telephone conversation with Kyodo. The message, published Thursday, was in response to a list of questions sent to the hijackers, who have remained in North Korea since they forced a Japan Air Lines jet to fly to the Communist country 18 years ago. "Everyone knows we love our mother country and want to return to contribute to our mother country," the message said. "Our primary desire is to realise the dreams of the Japanese people so that they may live happy lives." In a telephone conversation the same evening, Takahiro Konishi, the hijackers' second-in-command, told Kyodo the group had "absolutely no" connections to the Red Army or suspected Red Army extremists. It was the first time the group had disclaimed any links to the Red Army, Kyodo said. The long-dormant Red Army carried out a number of attacks in the 1970s, including a grenade and machine gun assault on Lod airport in Israel in 1972 that left 26 people dead. It also hijacked a jetliner over India in 1977. Police suspect a Red Army figure in a car bombing in Naples, Italy, last month that killed five people.

Judge urged to start Iran-contra trial

WASHINGTON (R) - The Iran-contra prosecutor asked a federal judge Thursday to allow the case against fired White House aide Oliver North and three others to go to trial immediately. "This case should now go to trial," special prosecutor Lawrence Walsh said in arguing against more hearings on whether his investigation had been tainted by possible use of the defendants' congressional testimony last summer under grants of immunity. Walsh said there was no need for more pre-trial hearings because he built his case properly without using any of the testimony given to the Iran-contra committees that investigated President Reagan's worst foreign policy scandal. North and his one-time boss at the White House, former National Security Adviser John Poindexter, have been charged with conspiring to defraud the U.S. government by stealing profits from the secret arms sales to Iran to provide prohibited military aid to the Nicaraguan contras in 1985-86.

1st Soviet manned shuttle to carry 2

MOSCOW (R) - The first manned Soviet space shuttle flight with probably take two cosmonauts into orbit, Moscow Radio reported Thursday. It quoted Vladimir Shatalov, head of the cosmonaut training centre, as saying the flight would take place after space technicians finished testing all systems of the shuttle and its giant booster rocket, Energia. Shatalov told Western television reporters this week that two or three unmanned shuttle flights were expected before the new craft was launched with a crew on board. He said Igor Volk, one of the country's top test pilots, had been named to man the controls for the first flight. The Soviet shuttle is similar to the American model but has a number of design peculiarities," the radio said. Western experts have said one difference was that the Soviet craft could land on jet power, but Shatalov denied this. He said the Soviet shuttle glides in like the American one. In preparation for the first shuttle launch, the craft has undergone 20 atmospheric flight tests, Shatalov added. Soviet space officials have declined to speculate about the date of the shuttle's maiden launch beyond saying they hoped it would take place this year.

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Damage claim over Madonna cancellation

TOKYO (AP) — Tokyo district court has dismissed a suit filed by a 48-year-old man who demanded \$73 for mental damages he claimed he suffered when a concert by Madonna was cancelled due to bad weather, a court official said Friday. In the suit, filed against the concert tour sponsor, Tokyo Broadcasting System. office worker Kazunarı Igarashi demanded that Madonna return for a make-up concert, according to the official who spoke on condition he not be identified. Madonna's Tokyo debut performance, one of the five concerts scheduled, was cancelled June 20, 1987, because of rain and wind. The court ruled the suit 'inappropriate" because a makeup concert is impossible without Madonna's cooperation, the offi-

Hopes of pardon drive French drivers wild

PARIS (R) — Anarchy reigns on the streets of Paris over signs that re-elected French President Francois Mitterrand will stick to tradition and announce an amnesty for traffic offences. Picturesque quares are clogged with illegallyparked cars, traffic inches along he boulevards to a chorus of car horns and the sight of gesticulating Frenchmen arguing over their crashed vehicles is a cliche that turns out to be true. "The situation is getting totally out of control," Francois Gentil, director of the French Road Safety Council. told French radio Tuesday. "People are driving any way they like and it's even worse this time round because the amnesty is being delayed by the impending general elections." This means a pardon, originally expected in May, might have to wait until une or July.

Iranian gum may cause sterility

KUWAIT (AP) — A Kuwaiti newspaper claimed Wednesday that an Iran-made chewing gum, currently marketed in Gulf Arab markets, causes sterility in both men and women. The newspaper Al Rai Al Aam, in a Riyadhdated dispatch, said that Saudi Arabian laboratory examinations proved that the chewing gum which carries the brand Sheek "makes a man or woman sterile if they use it." The paper said the for a further month a five-year-old state of emergency on the island to contain a "neigh-bouring non-Arab country." but it did not specifically mention gum was produced in a "neigh-

James Brown arrested after chase

AIKEN, South Carolina (AP) — Soul music legend James Brown, charged last month with trying to kill his wife, was arrested again Wednesday after allegedly fleeing from officers responding to a call at his home. Later in the day, authorities said Brown was charged with possession of the drug PCP following tests on a substance found in his car, Deputies were dispatched to Brown's bome Wednesday afternoon after Brown's wife. Adrienne, went to a neighbour's house and said her husband was abusing her, said Aiken county sheriff Carrol Heath. When officers arrived, Brown sped away in his car but was overtaken a mile and a half away, Heath said. Brown told officers he was late for an appointment and was speeding to make up time, the sherif said.

Stolen paintings worth \$50 million

AMSTERDAM (AP) — Three 19th-century paintings worth about 100 million guilders (\$50 million) among them a work by Vincent Van Gogh, were stolen from the municipal museum Friday. day, police said. The three paintings were discovered missing an hour after the museum's alarm sounded at 5 a.m. (0300 GMT) after a window was broke, according to police spokeswoman Heleen van der Weijden.

Stick to your right

LONDON (R) — The stress of coping with a right-handed world could shorten the life expectancy of left-handed people, according to researchers who based their findings on U.S. baseball statistics. Writing in the science magazine Nature, published in London, Canadian psychologist Stanley Coren of the University of British Columbia said 1,472 righthanders listed in the U.S. baseball encyclopaedia died at the average age of 64.64 years, compared to 63.97 years for 236 southpaws. Until the age of 33, there was no difference in death rates for the two groups but then left-handers began to die earlier, he said.

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan said Thursday he

considered Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev a real friend and denied revelations of astrological influence on the White House would mar the Moscow summit. "I hope Mr. Gorbachev has

heard some of the things that I have been saying about those charges," Reagan said, "because no decision was ever made by me on the basis of astrology."

The president, in an interview with foreign television journalists, had been asked whether he felt the disclosure in a new book by former Chief of Staff Donald Regan that his schedule and travel plans were dictated by an astrologer would damage his fourth summit meeting with Gorbachev. His wife Nancy had consuited the astrologer.

marks on the astrology flap earlier this week, also denied that May 29-June 2 summit dates had been set after consulting the

Reagan also appeared to defend his former press secretary. Larry Speakes, who in a book published last month disclosed he sometimes made up presidential quotes and said they were

economic crisis and for resisting political reforms. "Kadar has come to personify

identified further. "No real change can occur as long as he remains on top," the

ing number of party members want to see him step down.

social changes. The recently founded network of free initiatives, comprising ecological, political, youth and

есопоту." country needs "a new constitution which provides its citizens. with civil and political rights," and that "control of the mass

a first step toward revitalising the nation's stagnating economy.

will not damage summit

Reagan's own. far wrong with some of the things that were being said in our earlier summit meetings," Reagan said, apparently referring to one the president had told Gorbachev at their first summit in Geneva in 1985 that their talks would help make the world a safer place.

BUDAPEST (AP) — Hungarian Kadar has been increasingly Last week, the central commit-Communist Party leader Janos blamed for Hungary's deepening tee said personnel changes would

the mistakes that have been made in the past," said a prominent party official who asked not to be

official said, adding that a grow-Meanwhile, at a news confer-

ence earlier in the day, a confederation of dissident and activist groups, called on the leadership to approve sweeping political and

other independent groups, urged the government to reinstitute "parliamentary rule, a multi-party system and a mixed market The confederation said the

media must be terminated and freedom of the press ensured." Hungary's communist leaders are under mounting pressure from both inside and outside the party to adopt political reforms as

only that the post of party general secretary also would be voted on. Reagan: Astrology affair

'quote" in which Speakes said

The president, in extensive re-

In Thursday's interview.

"I have to say he was not too

be high on the conference agenda, fuelling speculation Kadar would be asked to step aside. However, Western diplomatic sources say there is still no clear indication that Kadar intends to

relinquish control soon. The situation is very fluid and the outcome (of the conference) is almost impossible to predict,' said a Western diplomat, who

requested anonymity. Premier Karoly Grosz, a leading contender to succeed Kadar, has said that the political future of the party leader may be up for debate during the conference, the

first since 1957. Kadar has said in recent interviews that he would step down if

Soviets said ready to talk to Hanoi on Kampuchea

BANGKOK (AP) — Thailand's foreign minister has quoted Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze as saying that Moscow would talk with Vietnam about ending its military role of

Kampuchea.
"The Soviet Union will talk earnestly to Vietnam and try its best to resolve the occupation of (Kampuchea)," Foreign Minister Siddhi Savetsila Thursday quoted Shevardnadze as telling him in an "in-depth" meeting Wednesday in Moscow. Siddhi declined to say when and where these discussions

would be held. Shevardnadze's reported statement could represent a significant change in the Soviet position, could not be confirmed im-

nediately by the Kremlin. While visiting Thailand last month, the Soviet deputy foreign minister, Igor I. Rogachev, said the Kremlin could not pressure Vietnam on Kampuchea because Vietnam is a sovereign country and it is not possible to dictate policy to Vietnam. That officials responded that Hanoi would have to end the military intervention if the Soviets withdrew aid.

The Thai minister spoke after returning earlier in the day from Moscow.

